



Students volunteer to Make a Difference

By Brice Burge
staff writer

On Saturday, Oct. 25 over 800 NMU students served the Marquette area community by raking leaves and doing other yardwork on Make a Difference Day.

The event is organized by Northern Michigan University in an effort to serve area residents as far as Ishpeming, Gwinn, and Skandia with extra physical help when they are unable to complete the work on their own.

"I think it's wonderful, especially for senior citizens who aren't able to do it for themselves," Louise Jean, a Marquette resident who was helped by the

event, said.

The NMU Pre-Dental Club helped rake leaves at Jean's residence. Volunteers from that group said the time spent volunteering was well worth it to see what their actions meant for people like Jean.

"You don't realize how far something like this goes for some people," senior Ben Ayotte said. "Just raking a yard moves someone to tears. It's powerful stuff."

For some people in Marquette, Make a Difference Day is viewed not only as a blessing, but also as an opportunity to see a kinder side of today's college students.

"You hear bad stuff about the

youth all the time, but you don't hear about the good stuff that goes on," said Arleen Herlich of Marquette. "I can't say enough about these volunteers and everything they do."

Some students, like sophomore forensic biochemistry major Jen Tweed were joined in the volunteer work by siblings and parents, as it was also Family Weekend at NMU.

"They're here for the weekend and we do a lot of service projects back home through our church. It seemed like a good idea to ask [if they wanted to participate,] Tweed said.

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David Miller/NW

NMU students (from left to right) Brian Schaffer, Vito Peraino, Ashley Russell, Jane Krenl, Ben Ayotte, Chelsea Pinozek and Michelle Schaffer rake leaves as part of Northern Michigan's annual Make a Difference Day.

University leaders address economic troubles in forum

By Kyle Whitney
editor in chief

During the University Forum last week, NMU President Les Wong told a group of Northern students, faculty and staff that the future of student loans looks promising, despite the national economic downturn. During the presentation, which was held in Whitman Hall, Wong remained positive, yet cautious.

"What we're seeing is that the majority of the loans our students have — and I say this without trying to be funny — are with banks that still exist," he said. "Most of them are on guaranteed lending practices with the federal government so that the loan packages for the winter and, we believe, the next year, are OK.

"However, all bets are off if things continue to tumble."

Wong said the university is examining the state of the credit markets daily, as that will strongly affect student access to loans and grants to pay for schooling. He added that a recently signed higher education bill, along with conditions included in the recent \$700 billion bailout, seem to ensure student loans.

"At least up front, there is every indication that the outputs that our students use for financing are intact," Wong said. "Clearly, we will continue to monitor that."

NMU Vice President of Fi-

nance and Administration Gavin Leach, who also spoke at the forum, said the financial aid office has been contacting banks that provide loans to NMU students.

"The biggest thing we've been looking at so far is the support for winter, as well as fall of 2009 and 2010 winter," he said. "Everything looks secure through next winter. The support for 2009-2010 on the federal direct loans side — they've pledged support in that area. Again, we'll have to see how that plays out, but right now it sounds promising."

Mike Rotundo, director of financial aid, said his office has not seen a noticeable decline in the amount of students applying for the Sallie Mae Signature Loan, that company's main private loan.

"(The economic trouble) has not trickled into our student base," he said. "Will it in the future? Quite possibly, and quite possibly not."

Leach also suggested that students might want to think about whether their financial situation has changed since the start of the year. If it has, they can receive a re-evaluation and the financial aid office may be able to help them find additional monetary assistance.

The forum, an event held at least once a semester, had been moved up from November in order to address the many

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Gossip site causes stir with students, administrators

By Lucy Hough
assistant news editor

A controversial Web site that allows users to anonymously criticize other students has raised concern among Northern administrators.

Juicycampus.com is a site that allows college students to anonymously make posts about topics ranging from "favorite drunk food" to "biggest bitch on campus."

Students can then vote on whether they agree with the content, and reply to the post. The free nature of this site which allows people to post whatever they choose, including some offensive material, is causing frustration.

"(The posts) run the gamut

from innocuous to insulting and disgusting. It doesn't seem right that students can write what they want about people and remain anonymous. It seems cowardly," said Christine Greer, dean of students at Northern.

The anonymity of the site allows for many disrespectful things to be said without repercussions. Some posts single out an individual with subject lines that announce the person's name, others ask people to name a person, proposing questions like "(Who are the) biggest sluts on campus?" Also, specific groups of people, based on race, gender or sexual orientation, are singled out.

There are several posts on that Web site that attack Hobie

Webster, a senior political science and philosophy major and ASNMU president. On the site, anonymous students judge his ability as president and make personal comments about his character. One post even makes vague threats toward Webster: "Hobie, you better watch your self! I may be a random student that you don't know, or someone you come into contact with several times a day, but I promise you this ... You will pay for the shit you pull, but only time will tell how and when you will do so."

Assistant Director of NMU Public Safety, Jeff Mincheff said he had no reason to believe the threat was an imminent one. Pub-

lic Safety officials filed a report regardless.

Webster said he wasn't bothered by the post about him, and even defended the right of people to post things anonymously.

"It doesn't bother me what they say ... People can say anything they'd like about me. If they want to say I'm doing a poor job, then obviously I'll disagree, but they can say those things if they want," Webster said.

Webster added that as ASNMU president, he understands that people will attack him for being in the public sphere. He does not take the comments personally, but understands that they can be hurtful.

"No one, regardless of who it

is being spoken about that way, should take it personally ... That doesn't mean it's okay, because it's not," Webster said.

Comparatively, Webster understands the nature of the site and said he has conflicting feelings about it. He is dismayed, however, at the hurtful things that are being said and emphasizes that what is said on this site does not represent the university.

"I truly believe that (the online commentary) is less than one-tenth ... of the people on this campus; out of the 9,121 students, there may be just a handful who feel that way. So people should know that they don't

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BRIEFS

Students volunteer at Halloween event

The Northern chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) volunteered last Saturday at the Peter White Public Library Family Halloween Party. NSSLHA members helped at the event by supervising children as they took part in games and other organized activities. Over 300 children attended this year's event, which was sponsored by the library with help from local volunteer groups. Zydecology, a Cajun style band, provided music for the event. Besides music, the party had games for the kids including: bowling over skeletons, feeling inside a coffin for gooey surprises, and pin the bolt on the Frankenstein. The kids also got to show off their costumes around the building in a long parade that reached all the way to the third floor. "The Halloween Party was a total success," said NSSLHA Treasurer Gayla Rovelsky. "Volunteer members and the kids had an absolute ball," she said. NSSLHA is one of the most active student groups involved with the Peter White Library. Typically the group runs Storyhour, where members read to a group of children once a month. "It was great seeing some of our regular kids from story hour all dressed up in their Halloween costumes. Everyone looked so cute," commented NSSLHA Jenny Wiedmeyer who organizes the monthly story hours.

— Katie Stamerjohn

Skill Builder on Muslim faith scheduled

For those who are confused with the various false and vulgar accusations toward the people of Muslim belief, Mohey Mowafy will be hosting a Skill Builders! workshop on Nov. 5 to help extinguish the fire of these rampant rumors. This is a two part encounter where he will be speaking, with the hopes of enlightening the people who attend the event, about the Muslim belief and their ways of life. He will be pointing out some ideal reasons for the growth of such improper ways of thought toward Muslims in America and around the world. "I cannot think of a more timely issue, than how to understand Islam and Muslims in a rational and objective way, since we are currently bombarded with hateful propaganda from every side, including from Muslims as well," mentioned Mowafy. The majority of students are unaware of what the troubles overseas have done here at home with regards towards interpreting the Islamic faith. Mr. Mowafy stated, "I usually OK a foundation of what Islam is and is not with a little bit of history and a warning that history alone is not enough to understand the calculus of the current dynamics." Mowafy will make an attempt for a push on the forward movement to open the eyes of the blind and the ears of the misinformed in terms of understanding the true meaning of the Islamic and Muslim people around the world. This event will be from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center on Wednesday, Nov. 5. To register contact the Student Leader Fellowship Program at 906-227-1771 or e-mail slfp@nmu.edu

— Alex Aranda

Coffee Talk with Les Wong to be held

A coffee talk with NMU President Les Wong will be hosted in Starbucks on Monday, Nov. 3 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event will give students a chance to sit down and talk to Wong about important issues concerning NMU. If you have any questions or topics you would like to see addressed, send an e-mail to asnu@nmu.edu.

— Carson LeMahieu



Eric Hampton/NW

SCARY JAMS Local band Zydecology rocks out at a Halloween party at the Peter White Public Library. Northern Michigan students volunteered at the event, which was held for local children.

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questions Wong had received about NMU's plan to adapt to the ever-changing economy.

"There are clearly more questions out there than answers, but I am proud to say that I think our crystal ball has been better than other peoples' crystal balls," Wong said. "In general, no one's crystal ball has been very good."

He also said the university will remain on the same path, but added that all expenditures will now face more serious consideration.

"We are going to move forward, albeit more cautiously and perhaps more slowly than we have in the past six to eight

years," Wong said.

Northern is also going to move ahead with the hiring processes that are currently underway. Wong said that the university has no plans to freeze hiring on campus, although that decision may have to be reconsidered in the future.

"Now, it's no surprise to you when I say that we may have to delay or postpone (hiring), depending on what the state of Michigan looks like in a couple months," he said.

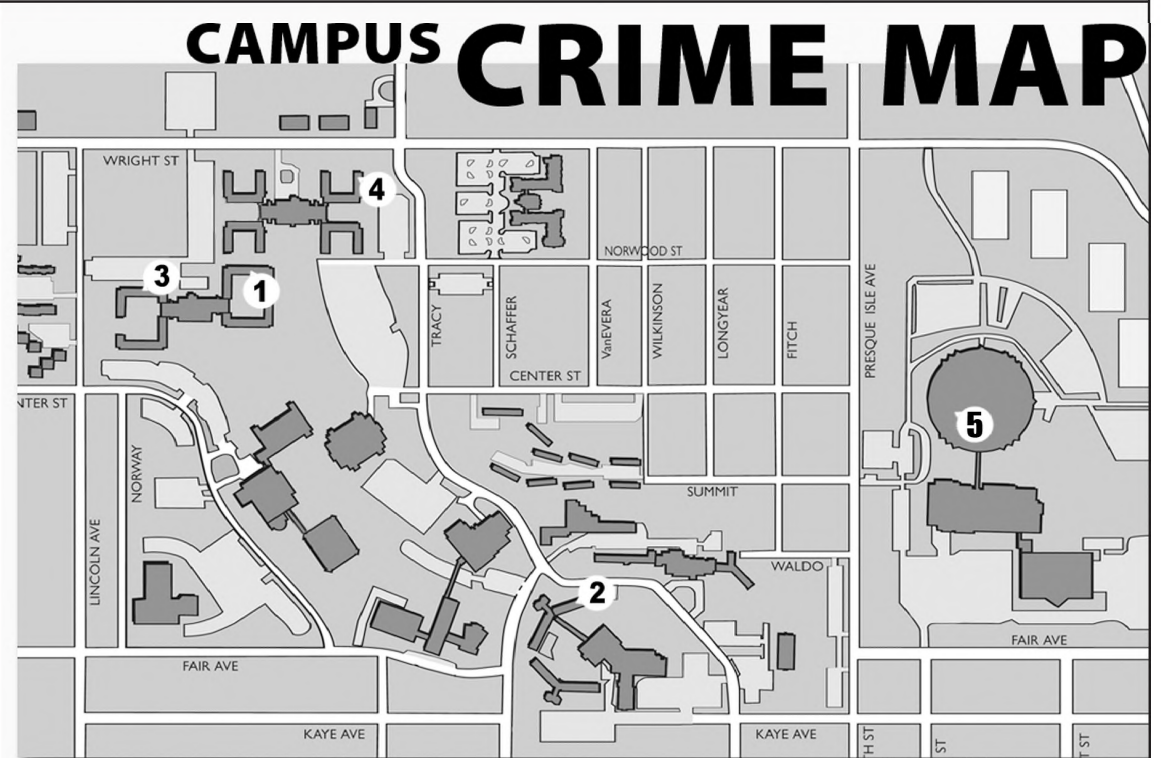
Wong also said NMU would have to scale back some of the initiatives included in the Roadmap to 2015, but that the university would still use the plan to guide any future improvements.

"We are not going to put the

car in neutral. We are not going to turn the motor off. We have too much momentum going right now," Wong said. "But we certainly are going to be more cautious as we move this institution toward the goals that we have set."

The president also noted that NMU has faced budget troubles in the recent past — such as Michigan's own economic struggles of the last few years — and said he has confidence that the university will be able to cope with a shifting economic landscape on a national level, as well.

"We navigated storms then, we will navigate storms today, and we will navigate storms effectively tomorrow."



Map Key:

1. Money was reported stolen from Halverson Hall. The money is believed to have disappeared around Oct. 3. The case is still open.
2. A computer was reported stolen from Gries Hall. The computer disappeared between 9-10 a.m. on Oct. 17. The alleged theft was reported on Oct. 21. The case is still open.
3. The walls of the television rooms in Gant Hall were written on in permanent marker during the early morning hours on Oct. 24. The case is still open.
4. An underage student was cited for being in possession of alcohol in Meyland Hall at 2:35 a.m. on Oct. 26.
5. A ceiling-mounted projector was reported stolen from the Superior Dome. The case is still open.

Corrections

The cutline on the photo on pg. 2 of last week's North Wind should have stated that Mates of State played on Thursday, Oct. 16.

On pg. 13 of last week's North Wind, the cutline for the bottom picture should have read: "From left to right, Colombia (Bree Prehn, Frank-N-Furter (Ella Bartlett) and Brad (Mike Rudden) strut their stuff on stage."

As deadline nears, students weigh possible 'W's

By Jaci Bjorne
assistant news editor

The last day for students to drop a full-semester class and receive a "W" is Friday, Oct. 31.

Taking a "W" grade means that students who are having a hard time in a particular class, or do not like a class can drop it without receiving a failing grade.

A "W" means a student has withdrawn from a course; the school keeps the course on record, but he/she receive a "W" on their transcript instead of a grade, said Kim Rotundo, interim registrar.

Receiving a "W" does not affect a student's GPA but can become a hindrance in other areas, Kim said.

"It can become a problem if (a student) wants to go to graduate school or when they're looking for a job," she said. "A pattern of 'W's might be a concern."

Graduate schools and employers can see the number of "W's" a student has received, and may be apprehensive about them, said Kim.

Taking too many "W's" can also affect a student's ability to

receive financial aid from the university or state because it violates the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy, said Mike Rotundo, director of financial aid.

"At the end of winter semester, we will evaluate how students are doing on a cumulative basis," he said. "If students are earning 67 percent of their credit hours, they are satisfactory."

Students cannot receive credit hours for the courses they fail, withdraw from, or repeat, Mike said.

"Primarily, we are trying to determine if a student is satisfactorily progressing through their career," he said.

"We will identify that student, and they are put on academic probation; they have one year to bring that percentage above 67 percent."

Students are given a total of three semesters to bring their credit hour completion up, he said.

"If they are still below 67 percent at our second review, the student will lose eligibility

for future financial aid until they bring themselves above the 67 percent," Mike said.

He added that in some cases, a student who is dropped from their financial aid can request that the decision be reversed.

"There is an appeal process," he said. "If there are some sort of issues going on (in the student's

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— Kim Rotundo
Interim registrar

life) that are documentable, the review can be overturned."

Private student loans are still available to students who lose university financial aid, Mike Rotundo said.

Although receiving a "W" or an "F" can affect financial aid, withdrawing from a course the student is failing is a good option because an "F" pulls down the GPA as well, Kim said.

"Sometimes taking a 'W' is the best thing for students to do" she said. "That's why it's best for students to not use the 'W' when they don't have to, save it for when you need it."

Some students drop classes because they are stressed, others because they are doing poorly. Raven Locadia, senior English major, has done both. She said that she withdrew from a history class her freshman year because she did not want to receive a failing grade.

"My professor had weekly online tests that we had to take," she said. "He told us that if we missed one, we automatically failed. I missed the online test, so I decided to drop the class rather than fail."

Locadia said that she dropped a journalism class this semester because she was feeling pressured by her work load.

"I just dropped my journalism class because I was taking 17 credits total, 16 of which happen to be English," she said. "It was just overwhelming."

She plans to attend law school after graduating from NMU and wanted to make sure that having withdrawn from two classes would not affect her chances of being admitted, she said.

"I contacted the admissions offices of the schools I will be applying to, because I wanted to see if it would harm my chances of getting in," she said. "They said two is not a big deal as long as I had good reason to withdraw."

Tanya Wonnacott, junior health and special education major, said she has also withdrawn from two classes and received a "W." Since coming to NMU, she has dropped a math class and a criminal justice class because she was not only stressed by them, but she also did not want to receive a bad GPA, she said.

"I had so much going on that it was tough to do well in the class, and others, as well as have time for myself," Wonnacott said. "After I dropped it, I had more time to do other things."

Students can withdraw from a course online through Friday; if a student is completely withdrawing from all courses, he/she must visit the Dean of Students' Office at 2001 Hedgcock for approval.

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speak for the majority; they don't speak for the university," Webster said.

Greer said that NMU administrators have begun to monitor the site.

"Some schools have blocked the site, and we are looking into that possibility," Greer said.

The creators of the Web site make no attempt to hide that it contains potentially offensive material. When a person initially enters the Web site, the person must agree that he or she is 18 years old and agree to the terms and conditions that are laid out in full on the site.

The juicycampus.com terms and conditions state, "By using the site, you agree that juicycampus shall have no obligation to monitor content on the site or to delete content from the site, even

if juicycampus is notified that such content violates this agreement."

The terms and conditions do state, however, that material which violates state or federal law will be removed.

This puts the decision in the hands of campus administrators.

"Students who are being libeled on the site should put their complaints about the site in writing to me," Greer said. "Anyone who finds the site ridiculous should voice their opinions. I want to hear from students who would like to see the site blocked."

However, according to attorney advocate Adam Goldstein from the Student Press Law Center, the university is limited in what it can do. As a public university, Northern cannot entirely block the Web site because doing so is a breach of the First Amendment.

Goldstein also said that most of what is being posted on the site cannot be cited as libel because of

its unbelievable nature.

"There's a lot of random stuff put on there; I'm not convinced that someone goes to juicycampus and believes what (is) said. If no one believes it, it's not libel," Goldstein said.

Regardless, some say what is being said should not be permitted. Helina Haile is a freshman public relations major and a member of OUTlook, NMU's organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning students, and believes that the administration should take some action. She added that those who justify the Web site under freedom of speech are compromising the ideals of the First Amendment.

"There's people in this world who don't have that freedom and we ... abuse it," Haile said. "Why do you want to stand up for freedom of speech just so you can bash someone on a Web site, (yet) you can't even put your name on it?"

flooded into the Peter White Lounge.

This year, three of the groups participating had a little extra incentive to volunteer. The Surgical Tech group, Clinical Lab Sciences group and the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association (NSSLHA) competed against each other to see who could fill the most garbage bags with leaves.

"It really started out with talks in the office," said Professor Jim Zeigler, the faculty advisor for the NSSLHA group. "We decided to have a contest and the students re-

ally picked up on it."

All three groups' majors' faculty are located in the same area in West Science.

Zeigler, who himself used the services of Make a Difference Day after he was injured in a car accident in 2006, proudly showed the Golden Rake, the trophy for the competition, as the NSSLHA group won with over 70 bags of leaves between two different locations.

"We did a lot of good work," Zeigler said, "But for what the students do really does make a difference."

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.

Last week, the SFC approved the following budgets:

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

This week's meeting will be held at 8 p.m. on Thursday in the UC's Cadillac Room and the following budget will be considered:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
Northern Arts and Entertainment	Seth Meyers	\$30,205

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$48,631.20**

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.

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For some students like junior Chris Schuldt, volunteering at Make a Difference Day involved something other than the usual raking of yards. Schuldt, a secondary education major, worked in the morning with the registration of the event.

"I don't have an opportunity to actually participate this year due to my job today, so this was my only chance to volunteer," Schuldt said, as he handed out t-shirts to the volunteers as they

Northern student receives life-saving heart transplant

By Sarah O'Neill
staff writer

Northern Michigan University student Ryan Sule and his family were recently given a long awaited gift, just in time for the upcoming holiday season.

Sule, 23, received a heart transplant after recently being moved to the most critical category on the transplant list.

Karan Hendricks, Sule's mother, said the family is very pleased with the way things are progressing.

"We're very happy," Hendricks said. "Ryan is kind of tired but doing very well."

The call informing the family of an available heart came at about 2:45 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, she said. The surgery took place the next morning, and Sule was out of Intensive Care and off of his ventilator by 7 p.m.

He is recovering at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

"They said he may be able to

leave [the hospital] in a couple of days," Karan Hendricks said on Monday.

Jeff Hendricks, Sule's father, had just returned to Marquette for a few days when he received the call. He said he went through two stages of emotion.

"At first I was very nervous, trying to get everything together to get there in time for the surgery, which is hard to do when your mind's not functioning right," he said. "But once I got in the car the calming took place because I knew he was going to get (the heart)."

The time between the call and the surgery ended up being enough for Sule's father and other family members to get to Rochester.

After Sule is released from Mayo, he will go to The Gift of Life House in Rochester for 90 days.

The Gift of Life House is a place for transplant patients and their families to stay before and

after surgery.

Although Sule won't be in Marquette for the holidays, Jeff Hendricks says they are trying to figure out a way for the family to come to him.

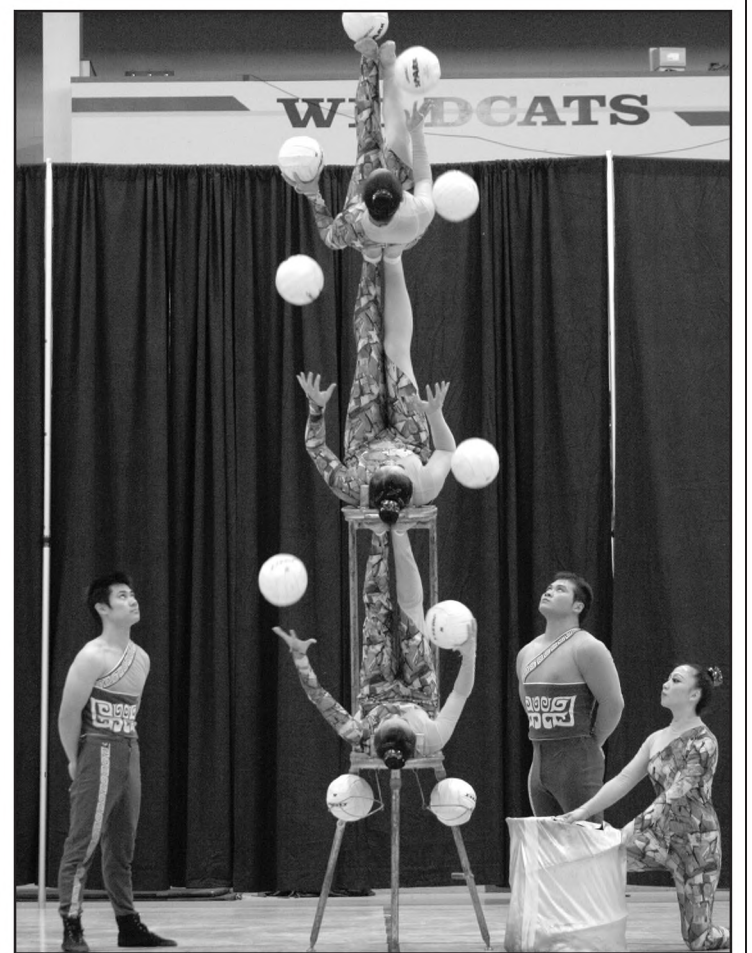
"We are going to try to all be (at the Gift of Life House) with him, but it really is like an extended family there; a lot of them are in the same boat as Ryan," He said.

Sule suffered from a genetic heart disease, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, which caused Sule to have a heart attack in 2001 at the age of 19.

Sule was still in the early recovery stages at press time and could not be reached for comment.

The NMU Student Volunteer Center and Students for Organ Donation raised about \$700 at the Sept. 18 NMU vs Michigan Tech football game to help Sule's family with expenses.

Sule was the subject of a Sept. 18 North Wind article.



Eric Hampton/NW

HAVING A BALL The Golden Dragon Acrobats juggle balls while balancing on top of one another in the Vandament Arena on Saturday, Oct. 25. The Chinese act, which has performed at NMU multiple times, returned this year after they were unable to make their scheduled show last year due to complications with their travel Visas.

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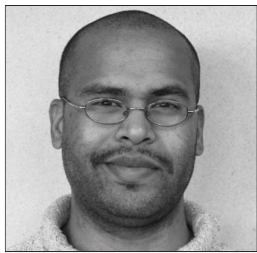
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Staff Editorial

System needs reform

With the presidential election just five days away, you might have looked at this page expecting to read The North Wind's candidate endorsement. This year, however, The North Wind has chosen to focus on another election issue.

America has long been considered the land of the free, yet Americans perpetually have the scope of presidential candidates artificially narrowed by a faulty campaign financing system.

Public financing is funded by Americans who check a box on their tax return form that sends \$3 of their taxes to a presidential fund controlled by the U.S. Treasury. This option removes no money from taxpayers' pockets, but instead utilizes a small portion of the taxes already being paid. Despite this, only 7.3 percent of U.S. taxpayers checked the box in 2006, according to a USA TODAY article.

Some of this money is used to subsidize national conventions for qualified parties, while a large amount (this year's share of public financing was in excess of \$160 million) is split between general election candidates that qualify for and elect to use public financing. In order to be eligible for public financing, a candidate's party must secure at least five percent of the vote in the last general election.

The Catch-22 is obvious. Unable to receive public financing until after the fact, third-party candidates will start at a disadvantage. With their limited resources being used to mobilize campaign workers and establish headquarters, candidates will be unable to compete in other areas.

During this election cycle, Republican nominee John McCain has spent \$293 million, according to www.opensecrets.org (Democratic nominee Barack Obama chose to opt out of public financing). Four other candidates — Cynthia McKinney (Green), Chuck Baldwin (Constitution), Ralph Nader (Independent) and Bob Barr (Libertarian) — are listed on more than half of the ballots in the nation. In comparison, they have combined to spend just more than \$4 million. The difference is clear.

It's not that public financing is a bad idea, but the current system only perpetuates our static two-party system and forces Americans to trudge to the polls every four years to vote for the lesser of two evils.

The United States should make a concerted effort to restructure the current campaign finance system. The \$3 check-box should be removed from the tax forms, and automatically transfer that money into the presidential fund. As well as imposing strict limits on fundraising, the government should use that larger fund to subsidize the campaigns of some third-party candidates.

America is a supposed beacon of democracy, and candidates for the nation's highest office should receive a fair shake, regardless of their personal wealth, rich friends or political affiliation.

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I'm Ralph Nader,
and I approve
this message...

...if anyone is
listening.



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Letters to the Editor

Koch best for Circuit Court judge

I have been active with the NMU College Democrats and have worked on several campaigns in the past. In this election I am actively supporting Kevin Koch for the Marquette County Circuit Court judge position.

While both candidates are good candidates for this job, Kevin Koch has a clear advantage in experience both in the primary job duties of a family court judge, as well as in overall experience, including criminal, probate and a wide range of civil matters.

His opponent lacks experience in divorce and custody cases and in general civil matters. This position of Circuit Judge merits the most experience in all these matters, and that is why I am voting for Kevin Koch.

Cameron Fure
junior, political science

Show support for contingent faculty

Greetings from NMU's Coalition of Contingent Faculty (CCF).

We have been hard at it throughout the Fall 2008 semester, and we have some exciting events happening right now that we invite you to be a part of.

Thursday, Oct. 30, all NMU contingent faculty are invited to join us for CCF's Halloween Costume Party and Annual Meeting in the mezzanine of the Landmark Inn's Northland Pub from 7-9 p.m. Come in costume if you'd like, meet CCF's newly elected officers, learn more about CCF and pick up your NMU Adjunct T-shirt if you're an adjunct (donations accepted). Please bring your NMU ID and pick up that t-shirt, adjuncts.

Next Monday, Nov. 3, is Be Kind to Adjuncts Day at NMU. This event will increase the overall visibility of NMU adjuncts when we wear our specially designed t-shirts on the same day. Many NMU students don't know how many of us there are. Some of your own students may not even know you're an adjunct; we're hoping you'll proudly don your t-shirt next Monday.

NMU students, we encourage you to bring apples to your adjunct instructors and professors on Be Kind to Adjuncts Day. If you don't know whether or not your instructors and professors

are adjuncts or not, now is a good time to ask them.

We appreciate all of the support we've received from you, the NMU community, and hope you'll all join us in celebrating the important work NMU adjuncts do next Monday. We also hope any and all interested contingent faculty, current member of CCF or not, will join us tonight for our Costume Party and Annual Meeting.

NMU's Coalition of Contingent Faculty

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Dueling Columns: Pick your President

In favor of Barack Obama



by **Claire Abent**
Opinion Editor

In the years since the last presidential election, I have watched as our country has spiraled downward. Now that I am finally of age to vote, I can answer the call of civic responsibility and cast my vote for the candidate who can, and will, turn this country around. That candidate is Illinois Sen. Barack Obama.

Not only is Obama intelligent, optimistic, confident and of strong moral character, he can see beyond personal interest and govern without the aid of a narrow ideology. These are qualities that we all need in a leader, especially as times in the United States grow more trying.

Now I don't know about you, but I want to be part of an America that treats everyone equally. I'm tired of living with a government that considers its citizens sub-par just because of economic standing, and gives tax breaks to big business, not those who really need it.

The middle class is struggling, and Obama not only recognizes this but understands it as well. His economic policies will give income tax credits to as many as 150 million individuals and families. This credit will consist of \$500 for individuals and \$1,000 for families. This plan could effectively eliminate taxes for some Americans in the low-income bracket. John McCain's economic plan gives a \$4 billion tax break to oil companies and gives more tax cuts to the wealthy but will leave the middle class high and dry.

And while McCain would support tax breaks for companies who outsource jobs to foreign countries, Obama will work to create 5 million new jobs domestically. The plan is based off a \$150 billion plan to invest in cleaner, greener energy sources.

In the meantime, Obama has a plan to jump-start the economy by rebuilding the crumbling infrastructure, which will create even more jobs. He will also offer tax breaks to businesses that keep jobs within the United States.

Another huge issue for myself, and for thousands of other Americans, is health care. Obama will guarantee affordable health care for not only the middle class, but for every single American by the end of his first four years in office. No exceptions.

People who do not already have health care will be able to enroll in a plan similar to the one currently available to Congress, regardless of any preexisting conditions. It will also help smaller business, which might otherwise not have been able to afford it, provide health care for their employees.

For people who do have health care, Obama will work to reduce the cost of medication by stopping pharmaceutical companies from blocking the use of generic drugs and allowing safe medications to be imported from other countries. He will also prevent insurance companies from raising premiums without improving the quality of health care.

Empowering women is something Obama is all about. He supports the rights, freedoms and choices for all women, regardless of income or background. Not only do his health insurance policies work to help the 19 million uninsured women, but also his focus on public health, research and prevention is outstanding.

He defends both stem cell research and a woman's right to choose, which are two stances that I look for in any candidate. Along with that, he will help provide funding for family planning, sex education (including abstinence and safe-sex methods) and contraception.

I do not buy into arguments that challenge Obama's experience as a politician. Experience to me means more of the same. And what America needs is not more of the same. I think we're all looking for, and in need of, a different kind of politics.

The different kind of politics that will lead to major change in this country will come from Barack Obama. But without you, the voter, he cannot do anything. So I hope that, on Nov. 4, you stand with me and cast your vote for Barack Obama.

In favor of John McCain



by **Ashley Harwood**
Guest Columnist

I can't wait to vote in this election. Not only will it be the first time I can vote for president, it's the most important election of my generation's lifetime. As college students, we will be entering the workforce soon, and the decisions made by the next president will affect us. Realizing the significance of this election, I give my full support to Sen. John McCain and Gov. Sarah Palin.

McCain has the experience to lead this country. He has proven he is willing to put the country before his own life, something his opponent has not come close to doing. He has spent 26 years serving his constituents in Washington, while Sen. Barack Obama has done so for not even four years. Because of his record of dedication to the country, it is clear McCain will continue to do what is best for America as president.

Experience aside, there are many other reasons to vote McCain on Nov. 4. One deciding factor for many Americans this year is taxes. McCain's plan for taxes is simple: Don't raise them. He has clearly stated that he will not raise taxes and that raising taxes is the last thing Americans need in this economic climate. Obama doesn't agree. He wants to raise taxes on those making over \$250,000 a year. This may sound appealing to people making less than that, but those people don't realize the consequences. Many small-business owners fall into that income bracket. If taxes on small-business owners go up, the price of goods will also go up. These are goods that middle class Americans will end up paying more for thanks to Obama's plan. America needs a president who will not raise anyone's taxes.

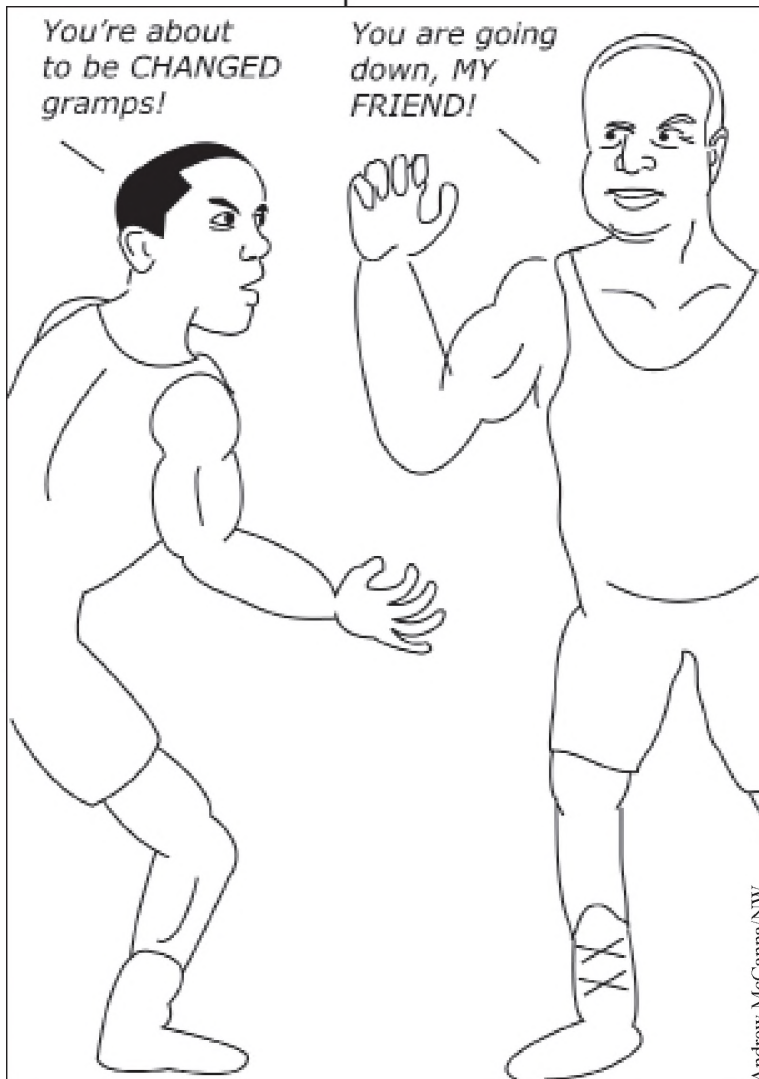
Under Obama's plan, there would be fewer jobs available. Small businesses would not be able to expand because many small business owners would have to deal with their taxes being raised. Many would have to downsize, and there would be more unemployed Americans. This is not the American dream. The middle class needs more jobs and lower costs of goods. McCain will keep taxes low, he will not raise taxes on small businesses, he will lower corporate tax so companies will not be forced to gouge consumers to make a profit. This is what America needs.

McCain has a plan to create jobs. His plan is to work toward energy independence. He will develop the use of nuclear power, coal and renewable energies to release America from its dependence on foreign oil. Developing these alternative energies will provide approximately 730,000 more jobs to Americans.

Another important issue this year is health care. While McCain's plan is beneficial to all Americans, Obama's plan is disturbing. Obama thinks health care should be mandated by the government and given to everyone at the expense of hard-working Americans. This "spread the wealth around" mentality is the basis of socialism, and I, for one, do not want to live in a socialist nation. McCain will do his best to get government out of the way when it comes to health care. He believes decisions regarding health care should be left to families, and he will give each family a credit to help them purchase the health care of their choice. The credit will be taxable, so those who earn the least income will receive the largest portion of the credit. That should please even the most liberal Democrats. McCain intends for those funds, after taxes, to be put in a personal health care savings account, to be used in the future.

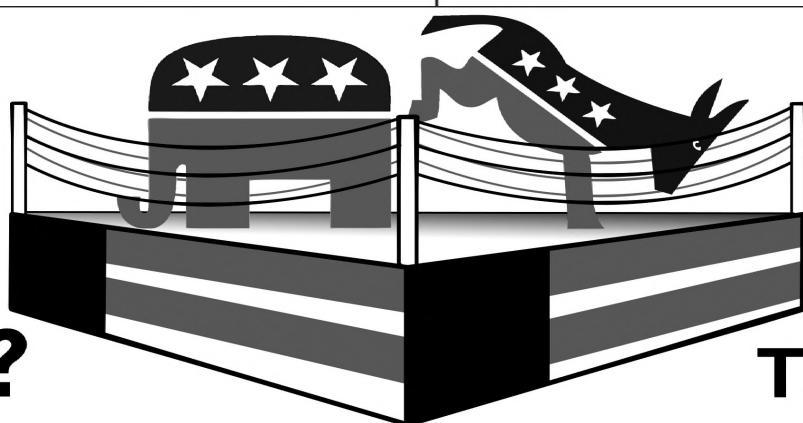
Not only will McCain provide this refundable tax credit, he will also limit the amount of money awarded in medical malpractice suits. Doctors wouldn't need to spend so much money protecting themselves from frivolous lawsuits with malpractice insurance, thus lowering the overall cost of health care.

John McCain is exactly who this country needs as a leader. He is experienced, and he has brilliant plans for America. On Nov. 4, vote McCain-Palin.



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Keeping rock alive

Local venue offers both bands and fans a different place to enjoy live music

By Sarah Hawkins
staff writer

The 231 House of Muses was a great place for the youth in the community to go and watch live bands play in Marquette. But after it burned down in January 2007, the music scene suffered significantly. However, another venue is trying to step up and take its place.

Cornerzone Youth Center on Lincoln Street has been a consistent place for local and regional bands to play. It used to be a place for high school students to hang out during their lunch break and after school, but when the economy is down like it is now, nonprofit groups suffer. Because of this, it's now almost strictly a music venue for high school and college students.

Even though it is a Christian organization, and sometimes book Christian bands, it doesn't preach its message at all of its shows, said senior art and design major Alex Parent. Parent, who plays guitar in the band The Final Fall, and is in charge of booking shows at Cornerzone, said it was important to establish a venue where the youth could hang out in a clean environment.

"We want to bring bands that

were associated with 231 over, and show them we're not shoving Christianity down their throats," he said. "I personally look at it as we're there to guide people who are looking for that. To this point, I don't think we ever shoved Christianity on anyone."

Jason Machamer, who volunteers at Cornerzone and is also in charge of booking shows, says sometimes it's hard to get bands from 231 because it's a Christian organization and some people don't want to be around that.

We want to bring bands that were associated with 231 over and show them we're not shoving Christianity down their throats.

— Alex Parent
guitarist, The Final Fall

"People think us and the House of Muses are mortal enemies ... but I think what (231 did) is great," Machamer said.

Cornerzone normally aims to book hardcore bands, but it occasionally has an acoustic show and it always likes bands from the area, Machamer said.

"We love to showcase local talent as long as they can play an all-ages show," he said, adding that they also try to contact larger bands, but being a smaller venue makes it difficult.

"We can't offer a lot of money, so we try to get them when

they're close," he said.

Sophomore media production and new technology major Mike Wilkins is the bass player for the band The Final Fall, and appreciates all the work Cornerzone is doing.

"We don't play for money there," Wilkins said. "It's out of respect because they do so much for us."

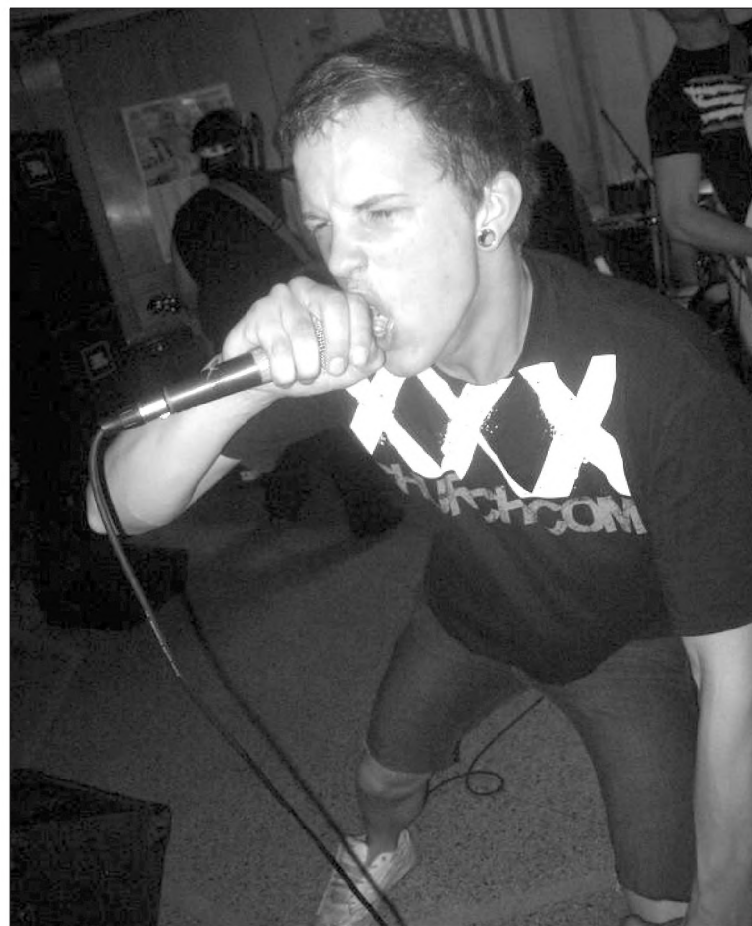
Cornerzone's latest event is going to be a metal show on Halloween called "Night of the Living Shred." The show will feature Milwaukee band Sleep Serapis, Sleep; Gladstone's You'll Never Know; and Marquette's The Final Fall and The Relentless.

The Final Fall has played with all the bands on the bill before, and Wilkins said it's going to be a great concert.

"Sleep Serapis, Sleep is awesome," said Wilkins. "They blew the roof off our place last Halloween."

Sleep Serapis, Sleep is a band that plays all over the country. Machamer was happy they were coming back for another show.

Another big band everyone involved is excited about is You'll Never Know, and Parent said they have a great following in the U.P.



Photos courtesy of The Final Fall

Top: Local area band You'll Never Know plays before a packed crowd at Cornerzone. The venue is located on Lincoln Street.

Bottom: Vocalist Darin Hoiska of local band The Final Fall. The band will be playing this Halloween at Cornerzone's Night of the Living Shred.

"They're drawing bigger crowds than some professional bands," Parent said. "They came up here last October and shocked everyone."

Machamer said they are hands down the best hardcore band in the U.P., and thinks they even have a shot at getting signed.

"They have a chemistry on stage that will blow your mind," he said. "They could hit the scene big in a few years."

Machamer said the two hometown bands should put on a great show as well. He said The Final Fall has a lot of energy on stage.

"Their singer, Darin, draws in a crowd like no other ... and their drummer, Stefan, is still in high school and rocks," he said.

The Relentless is a heavy metal band, and Machamer said they also have a great presence on stage.

"They have a really good front man," Machamer said. "His name is Bryce and he brings it."

Wilkins just hopes it will be a good show and the audience has a lot of fun and gets involved.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$8.

Halloween: Be afraid, be very afraid...

By Cassandra Sturos
staff writer

Halloween isn't just fun for 5-year-olds carrying their plastic pumpkins from door to door collecting candy; it's enjoyable for all age groups. To get the most out of this spooky holiday, check out one of many events happening in and around Marquette to get in all your thrills.

Local bars

There are quite a few local haunts getting into the spirit of things for this spooky celebration.

The UpFront, The Doghouse Pub and the Holiday Inn are offering costume contests with a variety of prizes.

John Mahler, owner of the Doghouse, said the contests are done to celebrate and ensure everyone has a good time.

"It's just for fun. We give away some gift certificates, we pick first, second and third," Mahler said. "It helps to get people to think a little more about their costume, and it's fun, that's purely why we do it."

The UpFront will also be hosting a fundraiser for the Children's Museum, including a costume contest in their banquet hall, which allows people under 21 to attend. The winner will receive gift certificates for participating businesses around town. The winner of the contest in the restaurant will receive \$150. Minneapolis rock band Summit Avenue will be playing on Friday night as well.

Campus activities

The residence halls will be hosting campus wide trick-or-treating for kids in the Marquette community. There will also be a costume contest at the hockey game on Friday night.

Gant Hall Resident Director Dylan Shiver said a lot of college kids like to participate in handing out candy.

"Just because you're a college kid doesn't mean you can't pass out candy," Shiver said. "It's still fun to dress up and give out candy."



Costume ideas

The perfect place to get some killer costume ideas is the new Halloween outlet in the Westwood Mall, spanning two stores worth of fake blood, wigs, moustaches and accessories. It's enough to make the costume connoisseur drop dead with glee.

For a unique approach, try dressing up as a deviled egg,

a voodoo doll or Raggedy Ann. If the prices are enough to scare you into pinning some socks to your shirt and going out as static cling, you can always try any of the thrift stores in town, such as Goodwill or St. Vincent De Paul, as both offer large varieties of costumes.

Everyone knows that the costume is one of the key ingredients to a great Halloween night, so don't neglect spending some time finding what suits you best.

The Paulding Light

For a real-life haunted phenomenon, the brave of heart can try catching sight of the ghostly apparition that appears nightly in Watersmeet, about two hours west of Marquette. Those who make the drive can experience the infamous

Paulding Light. Legend and lore are abundant surrounding this swaying light that appears in the woods, seeming to float and bob while sometimes changing col-

ors. One tale speaks of a railroad worker who was hit by an oncoming train while holding his lantern; he now haunts the area by swinging the lantern back and forth along the path where the tracks used to lie.

The phenomenon can be more unexplainable than frightening, but to really get spooked, try walking down the path into the woods towards the light. I guarantee you won't make it very far.

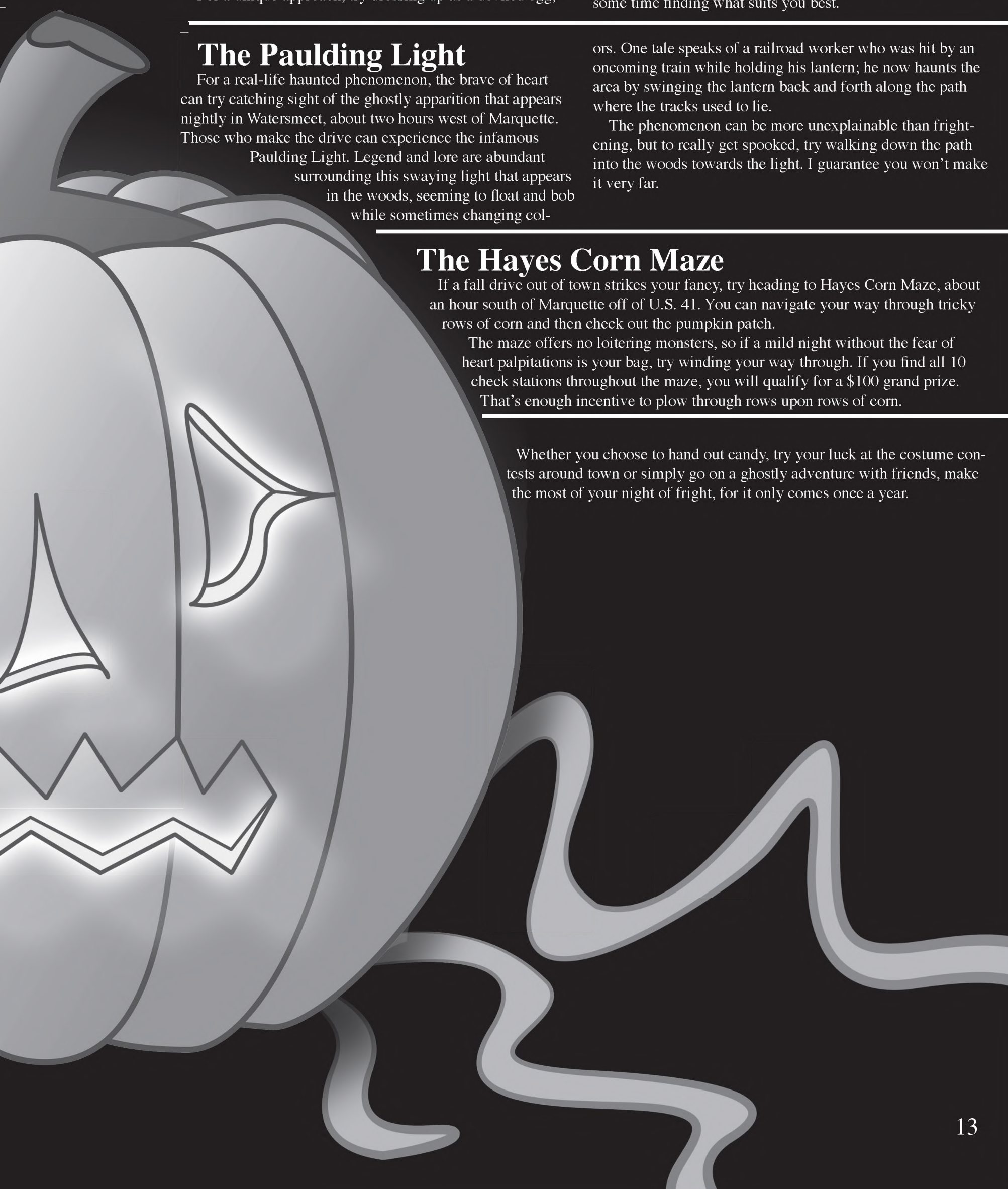
The Hayes Corn Maze

If a fall drive out of town strikes your fancy, try heading to Hayes Corn Maze, about an hour south of Marquette off of U.S. 41. You can navigate your way through tricky rows of corn and then check out the pumpkin patch.

The maze offers no loitering monsters, so if a mild night without the fear of heart palpitations is your bag, try winding your way through. If you find all 10 check stations throughout the maze, you will qualify for a \$100 grand prize.

That's enough incentive to plow through rows upon rows of corn.

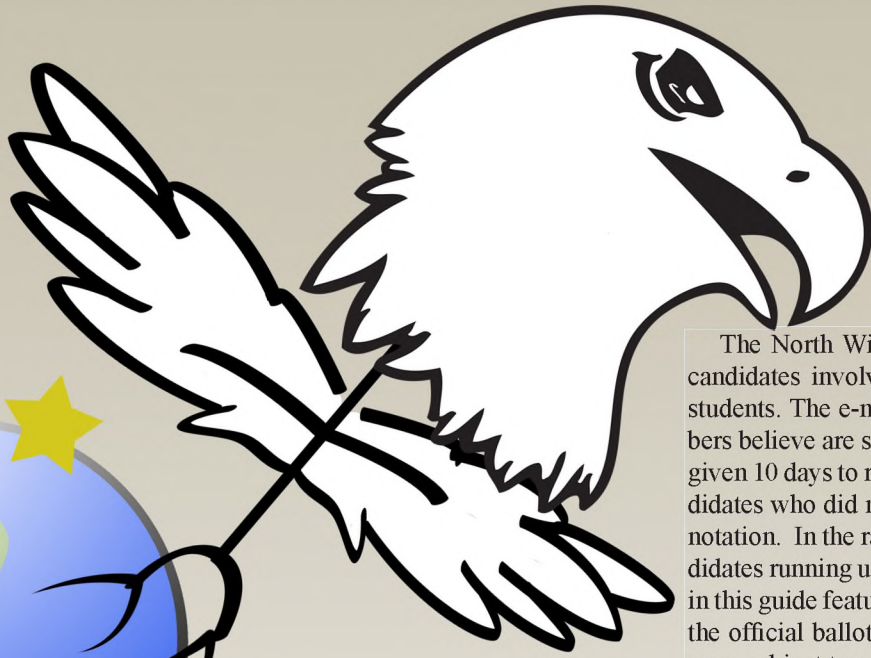
Whether you choose to hand out candy, try your luck at the costume contests around town or simply go on a ghostly adventure with friends, make the most of your night of fright, for it only comes once a year.



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The North Wind staff sent out an e-mail questionnaire to all candidates involved in races that immediately impact Northern students. The e-mail contained three questions which staff members believe are significant to student voters. The candidates were given 10 days to respond to the questions in 70 words or less. Candidates who did not respond received a "No response was given" notation. In the race for sheriff neither candidate responded. Candidates running unopposed were not contacted. Each race outlined in this guide features the names of the candidates as they appear in the official ballot for the City of Marquette, Precinct 1. Answers were subject to editing for grammar, spelling and length.

All presidential candidates were sent six questions via e-mail. Due to time constraints, only two responded. To accommodate this, the questions were altered and responses were pulled from the candidates' Web sites. The original answers from presidential candidates Cynthia McKinney (Green) and Chuck Baldwin (U.S. Taxpayers) are available online at our Web site: www.thenorthwindonline.com



PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Candidates Party	<i>If elected president, would you push for a timetable for a troop withdrawal from Iraq? If so, describe.</i>	<i>With as many as 47 million Americans lacking health insurance, what reforms, if any, would you propose?</i>	<i>How can college tuition be lowered?</i>
John McCain/Sarah Palin Republican	McCain believes it is strategically and morally essential for the United States to support the government of Iraq in becoming capable of governing itself and safeguarding its people. He strongly disagrees with those who advocate withdrawing American troops from Iraq before that has occurred.	McCain supports giving each family a \$5,000 tax rebate and each individual a \$2,500 tax rebate to help pay for health insurance. He also supports eliminating laws preventing interstate sales of insurance. McCain would foster more competition between every aspect of the health care system so every American would be able to afford the health care coverage of their choice.	McCain believes in increasing the transparency of higher education spending. He thinks that the existing tax benefits for higher education are too complicated, and many eligible families don't claim them. McCain also wants to eliminate earmarks for university research, thus lowering the cost of college education.
Barack Obama/Joe Biden Democratic	Obama believes that through added diplomatic pressure and increased security force training for the Iraqis, a phased withdrawal is capable by 2010. He also believes that in the absence of American soldiers, a humanitarian crisis is eminent, for which he is pledging \$2 billion to avert further devastation in Iraq.	Obama's plan hinges not on universal health insurance. Every American will gain unprecedented access to health care by eliminating the preexisting condition clause, and allowing Americans to pay for their insurance on a sliding scale. Obama believes switching the paper records system to electronic systems will cut costs and bolster the industry.	Obama seeks to expand the number of Americans attending college as well as to make it cheaper for students to attend. For 100 hours of community service, students would receive a \$4,000 tax credit which accounts for two thirds of tuition at most state schools. Obama believes this is a way to invest in young Americans' future.
Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente Green	McKinney believes in immediate withdrawal of American troops and contractors from Iraq and to cut off all war spending.	McKinney believes if the United States were to shift to a system of universal coverage and a single payer plan, the savings in administrative costs would be more than enough to offset the cost. Expenses for businesses currently providing coverage would be reduced. McKinney supports a universal, national health insurance program as the only solution to the current for-profit system.	McKinney supports tuition-free post secondary (collegiate and vocational) public education. In an economy that demands higher skills and a democracy that depends on an informed, educated electorate, opportunities for universal higher education and life-long learning must be vastly expanded.
Chuck Baldwin/Darrell L. Castle U.S. Taxpayers	Baldwin would push to begin bringing troops home immediately, as he believes the war in Iraq is illegal since it was conducted without an official declaration of war by Congress. Under his administration, America's role as the police of the world will come to an immediate halt and the United States will once again begin conducting itself as the Republic it was meant to be.	Baldwin opposes any government intervention in health care matters, meaning he would, as president, abolish the Food and Drug Administration. He is also against mandatory immunization laws. He supports proposals for employee-controlled "family coverage" health insurance plans based on cash value life insurance principles.	Baldwin believes the federal government should have no role in any matters of education. He would abolish the Department of Education and work to repeal any federal legislation related to education. Baldwin believes that only individual states should have any authority over education.
Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root Libertarian	While he supports an exit from Iraq as quickly as possible, Barr says he would not publicly announce a timetable to American adversaries. However, as president, he would begin to immediately and significantly begin to reduce both the military and the economic security blanket America is providing the government.	Barr believes regulations which mandate insurance coverage should be eliminated. Controls which restrict competition within the health care industry should be ended. Moreover, current tax policy, which is biased toward employer-provided, comprehensive health insurance, should be reformed, encouraging individual purchase of less costly policies.	The free market naturally provides both choice and competition, providing goods and services of higher quality for less expense. These principles should be applied to education.
Ralph Nader/ Matt Gonzalez Natural Law	Nader proposes a withdrawal of troops from Iraq, to be completed within six months after taking office, along with United Nations sponsored elections in Iraq. Fifty eight percent of Americans want troops withdrawn from Iraq and a January 2006 poll shows that 72 percent of American soldiers in the field in Iraq wanted the United States out of the country within six to 12 months.	The Nader campaign favors replacing America's fragmented, market-based system with a single-payer health plan — in which the government finances health care, but keeps the delivery of health care to private non-profits, and allows free choice of doctors and hospitals for patients.	Nader believes that federal policy needs to be transformed from policies that use punishments to control schools, to those that support teachers and students; from policies that rely on standardized tests, to those that encourage high-quality assessments. Broader measures of student learning are needed that include reliance of classroom-based assessments along with testing.
	<i>How can we reduce our dependency on foreign oil?</i>	<i>Where do you stand on abortion?</i>	<i>How will you fix the economy?</i>
John McCain/Sarah Palin Republican	McCain strongly believes that to reduce America's dependency on foreign oil, the country needs to change how it powers its transportation sector. He supports flex-fuel vehicles and would effectively enforce existing CAFE standards on mileage requirements. McCain would also offer a \$5,000 tax credit to any consumer who buys a zero carbon emission car.	McCain believes that Roe v. Wade is a flawed decision and should be overturned. He will nominate judges who will fight to do so. McCain believes abortion laws should be left up to individual states, and should not be a concern of the federal government.	McCain's Lexington Project would address the rising cost of energy, which is hurting small businesses. He has set the goal of building 45 new nuclear power plants by 2030, which would create 700,000 new jobs. He would also cut the corporate tax rate from 35 to 25 percent, ban Internet taxes and ban new cell phone taxes.
Barack Obama/Joe Biden Democratic	Obama believes that by investing 150 billion in America's alternative energies now, the country can avoid energy disaster later. By bringing more "green" industries to the nation, he will drive down foreign dependency and within 10 years will save more oil than is imported from the Middle East and Venezuela.	Obama believes in reducing the number of abortions while reserving a women's right to choose. He opposes any constitutional amendment to overturn Roe v. Wade. Through increasing sex education programs and emergency contraception measures he believes the number of abortions can be reduced.	Obama feels that America can weather the financial crisis through increased regulation in the banking industry to stop fraudulent lending. His middle class tax credit would give Americans much needed relief. On top of that, he seeks to reinvest in America's infrastructure and academic institutions to foster new job growth.
Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente Green	McKinney advocates strong energy policies at all levels of government to shift decisively away from polluting energy systems toward reduced energy use and clean energy sources. McKinney claims that energy management must be governed by the principle of conservation, efficiency and clean renewable resources.	McKinney believes that women's right to control their bodies is non-negotiable. It is essential that the option of a safe, legal abortion remains available. Clinics must be accessible and must offer advice on contraception and the means for contraception; consultation about abortion and the performance of abortions; and the right to have an abortion regardless of age or marital status.	McKinney views the economy as a part of the ecosystem, not as an isolated subset in which nothing but resources come in and products and waste go out. McKinney thinks there is a fundamental conflict between economic growth and environmental protection. She believes the most viable and sustainable alternative is a steady-state economy.
Chuck Baldwin/Darrell L. Castle U.S. Taxpayers	Baldwin believes that, beyond just America's dependence on foreign oil, America and its workers are much more than bargaining chips for multinational corporations and international banks. At every turn he will stand up for the economic security and well-being of the American people and for the independence and sovereignty of the American republic.	Baldwin claims he will end legal abortions within days of taking office. If Congress will not pass the law, he will use his executive powers to cut off all protections for abortion clinics. He believes the first duty of the law is to prevent the shedding of innocent blood. It is, therefore, the duty of all civil governments to secure and to safeguard the lives of the pre-born.	Baldwin believes in order to keep jobs in America, the country needs to have a trade policy that works in the best interest of the American people. To this end, he favors a tariff based revenue system, originally implemented by the founding fathers, which was the policy of the United States during most of its history.
Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root Libertarian	Barr believes the free market, driven by consumer choice and reflecting the real cost of resources, should be the foundation of America's energy policy. The federal government should eliminate restrictions that inhibit energy production, as well as all special privileges for the production of politically-favored fuels, such as ethanol. Barr supports drilling in the ANWR.	Barr believes the federal government should have no involvement in laws either legalizing or illegalizing abortion. He believes the decision should be left up to each individual state.	Barr believes that the new administration's No. 1 job will be to drastically reduce spending by limiting federal outlays to only the government's legitimate functions, as provided in the U.S. Constitution. He believes funding can be cut back from all current government programs. The government should eliminate all subsidies to businesses.
Ralph Nader/ Matt Gonzalez Natural Law	Nader supports the Apollo Project, which proposes the establishment of a viable infrastructure for the achievement of American energy independence within 10 years. Calling for a \$313.72 billion federal investment, Apollo shifts the burden of American energy consumption away from fossil fuels and onto domestic renewable energy markets such as the wind, biomass, and solar energy industries.	Nader supports the National Organization for Women, which supports access to safe and legal abortion, effective birth control, reproductive health and education. He opposes attempts to restrict these rights through legislation, regulation or Constitutional amendment. He also opposes government efforts to limit or discourage childbearing, such as family caps and involuntary sterilization.	Nader believes that by requiring equitable trade, investing in urgently needed local labor-intensive public works, creating a new renewable energy efficiency policy and by fully funding education and redirecting large bureaucratic and fraudulent health expenditures toward preventive health care America can reverse this trend and create millions of new jobs.

U.S. SENATE

Candidates Party	<i>What role do you feel the United States should play in world politics?</i>	<i>What is the first thing that needs to be done to fix our troubled economy?</i>	<i>What do you feel, if anything, can be done about the rising cost of college tuition?</i>
Jack Hoogendyk Jr. Republican	The United States is a world leader. We stand for freedom, liberty and the rule of law. We need to do all we can to spread that message of hope whenever and where ever we can.	At the national level, we need to lower the corporate tax rate to 12 percent. It is currently at 35 percent, second highest in the world. Many countries have lowered their corporate tax rate in just the last few years. If we do so, we will lure capital and investment back to our shores.	Move toward privatization. Create more competition, choice and transparency in education.
Carl Levin Democratic	We need to increase cooperation with our allies and become a more responsible leader. It is imperative that we restore America's image in the world. The only way you can defeat terrorism is with the support of the decent people of the world. I voted against the resolution authorizing military force in Iraq in 2002, and I am fighting everyday to bring our troops home safely and quickly.	I will continue to push for economic policies that promote manufacturing and trade policies that will create a level playing field for our manufacturers. I have proposed, along with my Democratic colleagues, the American Manufacturing Initiative which brings together government, private industry and academia to provide incentives, health care support, vehicle development, fuel and biofuel conservation as well as Defense initiatives.	I support the Higher Education Opportunity Act and the Higher Ed. Access Act. Students who believe that higher education is achievable are more likely to graduate and, though we have made significant strides with legislation such as the College Cost Reduction Act to make college more affordable, more needs to be done to ensure that all students have the ability to attend and graduate from college without an unmanageable debt burden.
Harley G. Mikkelson Green	We need to recognize that we are not the dominate economic and military power anymore. We are one of many major powers, and we must work with them, not compete against them. We must avoid starting a new arms race, and we need to end our occupations of other countries. We must work more through the United Nations to reduce arms in the world and to improve the environment.	We need more good paying jobs in this country, and until the private sector can provide them, we need a New Deal-type jobs program. Many state budgets are in crisis, so they have been forced to eliminate state workers. The federal government must step in and provide the money for state government to hire needed workers. Bringing our troops home would provide the money to do this.	We should pay students \$15 per week for each credit hour they are taking and free tuition for each class they complete. Many people will think this is an impossible, silly idea, but we have paid students to attend school in the past. I was paid to attend college as were millions of other veterans. Our college students are our future; we should invest in them.
Michael N. Nikitin U.S. Taxpayers	As a U.S. Senator, I would only vote to send troops into a war if we constitutionally declared war in the first place. I can not predict when, where or if the next time will present itself. If you are asking me if preventative wars are something I would consider voting for, the answer is yes, in the right situation.	Cut taxes. Capitalism works every time it has tried. The Bush tax cuts and prior, the Reagan tax cuts stimulated the economy. These are facts. The Bush tax cuts were responsible for a record amount of tax dollars flowing into the federal government, because of the increased business created. Taxes kill incentive to work.	It's simple really: Stop the government from paying for most of it. If "big college" had to attract customers the way other businesses did, they would not be able to raise prices every year at a rate higher than any other business in the world. Anytime government subsidizes a business — like education — the price goes up and the quality goes down.
Scotty Boman Libertarian	I support a non-interventionist foreign policy. That starts with getting out of Iraq, but it also means scaling back our global empire that has cost us thousands of lives and trillions of dollars. It not only means abstaining from crusades in the Middle East, it means letting our economic competitors in Europe and Asia pay for their own defense.	The major parties have continued on this reckless course like a canoe team riding the rapids to Niagara Falls: deficit spending, paying off debt by printing money, imprisoning large portions of the population and wasting our resources and lives on unprovoked military crusades. Instead, I support a more comprehensive plan: eliminating the Income Tax, balancing the budget, restoring hard money and reducing burdensome regulations.	Stop inflation: Return to sound money. Since 1971, when the value of money was de-coupled from gold, our country has faced unprecedented inflation. As a result, savings lose value in the bank, and businesses have constantly had to re-adjust prices and wages to keep up with inflation. A return to the stabilizing effect of the gold standard would bring inflation to a halt and create a more stable business climate.
Doug Dern Natural Law	None. We need to stop policing the world.	The credit card companies have caused this economy. They make people think they can live beyond their means. They put money into the economy, then take millions back through over-the-limit fees, late fees and usury interest. They are destroying the economy. They must be stopped.	Pull out of the war and use the trillions of dollars we are spending on the war to pay for tuition. Make college free.

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 1ST DISTRICT

Candidates Party	<i>What role do you feel the United States should play in world politics?</i>	<i>What is the first thing that needs to be done to fix our troubled economy?</i>	<i>What do you feel, if anything, can be done about the rising cost of college tuition?</i>
Tom Casperson Republican		No response was given.	
Bart Stupak Democratic	The United States remains the world's lone superpower, but we have lost a great deal of our standing with our allies under the Bush Administration. The next president and the next Congress must make it a priority to mend these relationships. As we tackle the global financial crisis and work to confront global terrorism, we will be stronger militarily and politically with the help of our allies.	We need to rebuild our economy now. Incomes are declining while the middle class is trying to pay for rising health care, gasoline and college tuition costs. I have helped to draft an initiative, The American Manufacturing Initiative (AMI), to ensure that our government aggressively fights for manufacturing jobs in America, so our manufacturers and workers can compete globally on a level playing field.	Congress can be most effective in ensuring the funding is available for scholarship and loan programs that allow students an opportunity for a college education if they choose to pursue one. The cost of higher education has risen more than 40 percent in the past 10 years. More than 6.8 million students — 143,000 in Michigan — take out student loans each year and will graduate with an average debt of \$17,500.
Jean Treacy Green		No response was given.	
Joshua J. Warren U.S. Taxpayers		No response was given.	
Daniel W. Grow Libertarian	The rule that we must abstain from force or fraud and only engage in voluntary transactions applies equally to individuals and nations. The only justification for governments is the protection of those rights that existed before any law was drafted, and only by plundering our pocketbooks through taxation can we maintain an immoral, shameful and unjustifiable global military presence. Military force must be limited to defending us from invasion.	Government takes from all and promises everything to all, including subsistence, well-being and education. Generous, charitable and devoted to everybody, government promises to relieve all suffering, furnish capital and offer balm for all wounds, all while helping the oppressed people globally. But does not government draw those very resources from the people to which it claims aid only after passing through a parasitic and voracious intermediary we call "Government?"	Government schools are mostly financed through high taxes, and any tuition is an additional arbitrary extraction by administrators that sours alumni donations. Students must be allowed to spend governmental educational subsidies as they deem fit, forcing competition. Remarkably, private schools, unburdened by governmental waste, are able to compete with tax supported government schools, offering a better product, and often at a lower cost because of generous alumni.

REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 109TH DISTRICT

Candidates Party	<i>How can Michigan reverse its recent economic woes?</i>	<i>Where would you consider higher education funding as a priority in deciding a state budget?</i>	<i>How will you fight for the Upper Peninsula if you are elected to the state legislature?</i>
Doreen Takalo Republican	No response was given.		
Steven W. Lindberg Democratic	Michigan needs to diversify its economy. In the U.P., we have tremendous potential with the expansion of the iron mines and the development of renewable energy. We also need to educate our work force and work in partnership with our universities. Pioneer Surgical and Marquette General Hospital partnering with NMU are two examples of how we can do this.	In 1987, we spent 38 cents on prisons for every dollar we spent on higher education. In 2007, we spent \$1.19 on prisons for every \$1.00 spent on higher education. We need to reverse this and make sure that ALL students have affordable access to higher education in Michigan.	I will continue to work with my fellow U.P. legislators to give the "U.P. Caucus" a strong effective voice in Lansing. I will continue to encourage my colleagues from below the bridge to visit the Upper Peninsula to understand the challenges we have and witness the tremendous potential we have to make Michigan a better place to live and work.
Richard Hendrickson No Party Affiliation	By truly facing the issues. My Four Parks plan would rearrange +20 percent of existing U.P. public lands into huge parks, giving tourism an enormous boost. Michigan also needs to encourage small farmers and alternative energy technology and not give up on manufacturing.	I consider it an important priority. Generous higher education funding is nice to have, but in today's Michigan economy, we can't have every desirable thing. Student needs will of course be met, but beyond that, multi-layered college bureaucracies, for example, might very well be reduced.	By endeavoring to follow and demonstrate the ideals of our Founding Fathers, instead of bowing to special interests, for example. "Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost." — John Quincy Adams

COUNTY COMMISSIONER 3RD DISTRICT

Candidates Party	<i>How would you stay in touch with your constituents?</i>	<i>What changes would you like to see in Marquette County?</i>	<i>What is the single biggest issue facing Marquette County?</i>
Bruce Heikkila Democratic	No response was given.		
Scott Jon Bouma No Party Affiliation	Communication with constituency requires not only having an open door policy but conveying issues that are important to the community. This will allow enough time for public feedback and for the public to be the watchdog if they so choose. Government transparency is extremely important in maintaining trust. Back door deals and secret lobbying in government create mistrust amongst the community.	With careful long-term planning, our county could be in a position to improve economically. We need to start looking at what the future can bring. Launching initiatives to implement clean-tech industries, supporting education, growing nature-based tourism and utilizing green practices within county infrastructure are sustainable examples that will help solve some of our most significant financial issues.	Marquette County has evolved with the hope to live and flourish here for generations to come. From increased cost of living to threats in our daily environment, concern for our quality of life is a major issue. Through transparent government and responsible decision making, I am dedicated to bringing jobs, people and the environment together to help create a future that is economically strong, resourceful and sustainable.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Candidates Party	<i>How do you think the crime rate can be lowered in Marquette?</i>	<i>What qualifies you as the best candidate for this office?</i>	<i>From a criminal justice point of view, what is the most pressing issue for Marquette County?</i>
Gary L. Walker Democratic	Experts agree 80 percent to 90 percent of crime is committed by 10 percent of the population. Locally we see those statistics reflected by the number of our repeat offenders. The profile of our offenders is young, lacking a high school diploma and drug and/or alcohol dependent. Sentences need to be designed to address these problems so that meaningful incarceration to provide a punishment is combined with rehabilitative opportunities for recidivists.	My years of experience. I am able to identify criminal justice problems and find solutions. Jail overcrowding, for example, has been problematic for years. When Mangum Farm was closed by the Department of Corrections, I led the effort to obtain it for jail expansion. It will provide needed jail space; there will be expanded opportunities for needed rehabilitation programs and it will substantially reduce jail expansion costs to the taxpayer.	Alcohol and drug abuse are major issues in the majority of our cases, especially among juvenile and young adult offenders. Substance abuse is frequently at the root of assault and property crimes, distribution of illegal drugs and traffic offenses. We must work to prevent substance abuse through education, enforcement and rehabilitation.
Cathy C. Church No Party Affiliation	Consistent crime reporting, police response and prosecution will lower the crime rate. Marquette County has many police agencies, prosecutors and residents who choose to live here. Crime will decrease if these resources are utilized to their fullest potential. Citizens must be encouraged to report criminal activity. Police response must be prompt and prosecutors must authorize charges where probable cause exists. If this is done, crime rates will decrease.	Seven years as a defense attorney in Maryland and Michigan and nearly 14 years experience as an assistant prosecuting attorney make my expertise unparalleled. I will prosecute cases and work with police and community members to determine what criminal trends are entrenched or developing. I will seek input from educators, parents, service providers and police to develop responses in hopes of eradicating crime before it takes root or worsens.	Informing the public about criminal trends and ways to reduce criminal opportunity. An uninformed public is less likely to lower its risk of victimization. Another pressing issue is the worsening economy and its impact on law enforcement. Historically, this means more crime and fewer tools. We must effectively use all resources while reassessing procedures in an attempt to cut expenses and increase services.



JUDGE OF COURT OF APPEALS 4TH DISTRICT

Candidates	<i>What is your vision for the future of our judicial system? What changes would you like to see and why?</i>	<i>Looking at your background, what experience will you bring to the bench?</i>	<i>Do you feel it is essential that judicial elections remain non-partisan? Why or why not?</i>
Paula Manderfield	No response was given.		
Michael J. Kelly	Unfortunately, I see a future where the constitutional right to a jury trial is eroded and more alternative dispute resolution systems such as arbitration, mediation and facilitation are imposed. These can be extremely costly and could make the legal system available only for the wealthy. I believe strongly in the jury system. I would like to see cases move more quickly through the system.	Having represented ordinary people all across the state for over 20 years, I know how important it is that the litigants in a lawsuit have confidence that the judiciary is fair and impartial. I am also acutely aware of how stressful, both emotionally and financially, litigation can be. A working understanding of the rules of evidence and procedure from trying many cases and handling appeals brings a realistic and needed experience to the appellate court bench.	Yes. Judges must be fair and impartial. The judiciary is the third, independent branch of the government. The idea that a judicial candidate be elected as a member of either party may infer that they would not be impartial.

JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 25TH CIRCUIT

Candidates	<i>What experience do you have that will be helpful if you are elected to the bench?</i>	<i>What do you perceive as the biggest threat to justice?</i>	<i>Of any politician in history, who do you most admire and why?</i>
Jennifer A. Mazzuchi	I have been practicing law for 14 years, three in a civil litigation firm and 11 as an assistant prosecutor. I am in court every day, and I've handled thousands of cases. As a prosecutor, I don't have clients, so I have to make decisions every day about what I think is right. I do get input from the police, crime victims, witnesses and others, but in the end, I am responsible for the case. This is very similar to the decision-making responsibility that a judge has.	Cost is clearly a barrier for many people. The court system is unfamiliar, and without an attorney to help, many cases are not pursued. It is possible to represent one's self, but the complexities of the law make this an unreasonable option in many cases.	I will have to say Abraham Lincoln, because of his early work on human rights and his ability to guide the country through the Civil War.
Kevin Koch	The newly elected Circuit Court judge will be assigned to the Family Division, as Chief Judge Solka has indicated. I have tried domestic relations cases, the types of cases which will be heard most often in the Family Division, for 28 years. Having tried divorce, child custody and child support cases for this long, I am prepared to perform the duties of the Family Division Circuit judge on day one.	Justice, in the position I seek, is the best use of the Family Court's resources to decide the cases brought to the Family Court in the fairest, most efficient manner. The biggest challenges to justice that I perceive then, are educating parties about domestic relations and some parties' lack of financial resources to hire legal help.	Franklin Delano Roosevelt — he inspired the people of our good country during very difficult times, similar to what we face now. President Roosevelt invested in our people and our nation through programs like Social Security and the Civilian Conservation Corps. His priorities were to put people back to work, build our infrastructure, offer minimum social protections and to restore ordinary Americans' confidence.

CITY COMMISSION (3)

Candidates	<i>How can Marquette keep a balance between being a college town and a blue-collar industrial town?</i>	<i>How can the issue of trucking on city streets best be resolved?</i>	<i>What is the biggest problem you see the city of Marquette facing in the next two years?</i>
Matt Edgell	No response was given.		
Randy Girard	Marquette has transitioned to a service and government economy, but local leadership has ignored this. Working with the NMU administration, staff and students to integrate "city life" and "campus life" is needed — i.e. less restrictive residence ordinances, truly effective public transportation, and joint programs to include the student population in city events.	First, recognize and publicly acknowledge the importance and impact of trucking and the fact that some residential areas are going to be negatively impacted; and make the commitment to establish realistic routes regardless of that impact. Second, turn the selection of the routes over to the City Planning Commission and City professional planning staff — without restriction.	Decreasing financial ability to continue to provide needed services to residents and visitors while maintaining public infrastructure and resident livability within city boundaries. A dramatic shift in priorities, investment/expenditure direction, and City owned/controlled property management strategy is required.
Matt Holliday	The North Wind staff could find no contact information for Matt Holliday.		
Robert J. Niemi	It seems that in any town that has a university there will be a "town-gown" division. In Marquette we need to recognize the tremendous value NMU brings to our community in jobs; university programs such as athletics, cultural events, USOEC; plus bringing in new students and faculty each year. We need to remember that NMU and its people are an integral part of our community.	City staff need to identify the origins and destinations of truck traffic, identify the volume that needs to go through the city north & south or east & west. Evaluate alternative routes based on safety, number of affected residents, condition of streets, etc. Allow truckers, townships and Road Commission to comment on the alternatives. Present alternatives to the City Commission for a final determination of a truck routes.	Given the economies of Michigan and the nation, budget challenges may be the biggest problem. With declining state revenue sharing we have had to rely on local taxpayers. Energy and benefit costs will pressure the operating budget and we must continue infrastructure improvements, but bonding is likely to be more expensive. The recession will negatively affect our ability to sell developable property to increase the tax base.
Don Ryan	Marquette is the largest, most dynamic city in the region and a center for health care, education, retail and hospitality services, and an industrial economy that ranges from natural resources to sophisticated manufacturing. We must preserve the qualities that make Marquette a special place. The parks, bike paths, trails and recreational facilities coupled with the preservation of public access to Lake Superior help make Marquette the unique community it is.	We need to balance the health and safety of residents with the benefits associated with trucking, which include jobs and providing products and services we need. Obviously, safety must be the number-one consideration. Marquette already has a major truck route running through the community — US41/M28 — and our objective should be to bring trucks to that major thoroughfare on designated routes that minimize the impact on neighborhoods.	The biggest challenge is to preserve the things that make Marquette a safe, livable community, while keeping costs and taxes under control. National economic conditions indicate we will likely see a continuing decline in support from the state and federal government, which means the city will have to depend even more on local revenue sources. One thing that will be essential is encouraging development to expand the city's tax base.
Fred Stonehouse	Marquette and Northern must work together to solve common issues and to provide the best environment for city residents and university. The Superior Edge program is an excellent way to help achieve this balance. As a commissioner, I will work to establish better coordination between both. Since I teach as an adjunct and am a member of the NMU Alumni Board I am uniquely qualified to bridge the two.	We must develop a plan that meets the needs of all citizens, providing viable north-south and east-west routes through the city. A key responsibility of government is to provide for the welfare of its citizens. The current "wild west" situation allowing trucks to speed through any residential neighborhood is not only dangerous but impacts negatively on our overall quality of life.	Finding sufficient revenue to provide vital city services will be the major challenge. Currently, roughly 53 percent of city land is tax exempt (NMU, hospital, city parks, state and county offices, etc.); 22 percent is more common for Michigan cities. It is critical the city place property like Founders Landing, Roundhouse, etc. on the tax rolls. We also need to work with NMU to incubate new business start-ups.

City Precincts

City of Marquette, Michigan



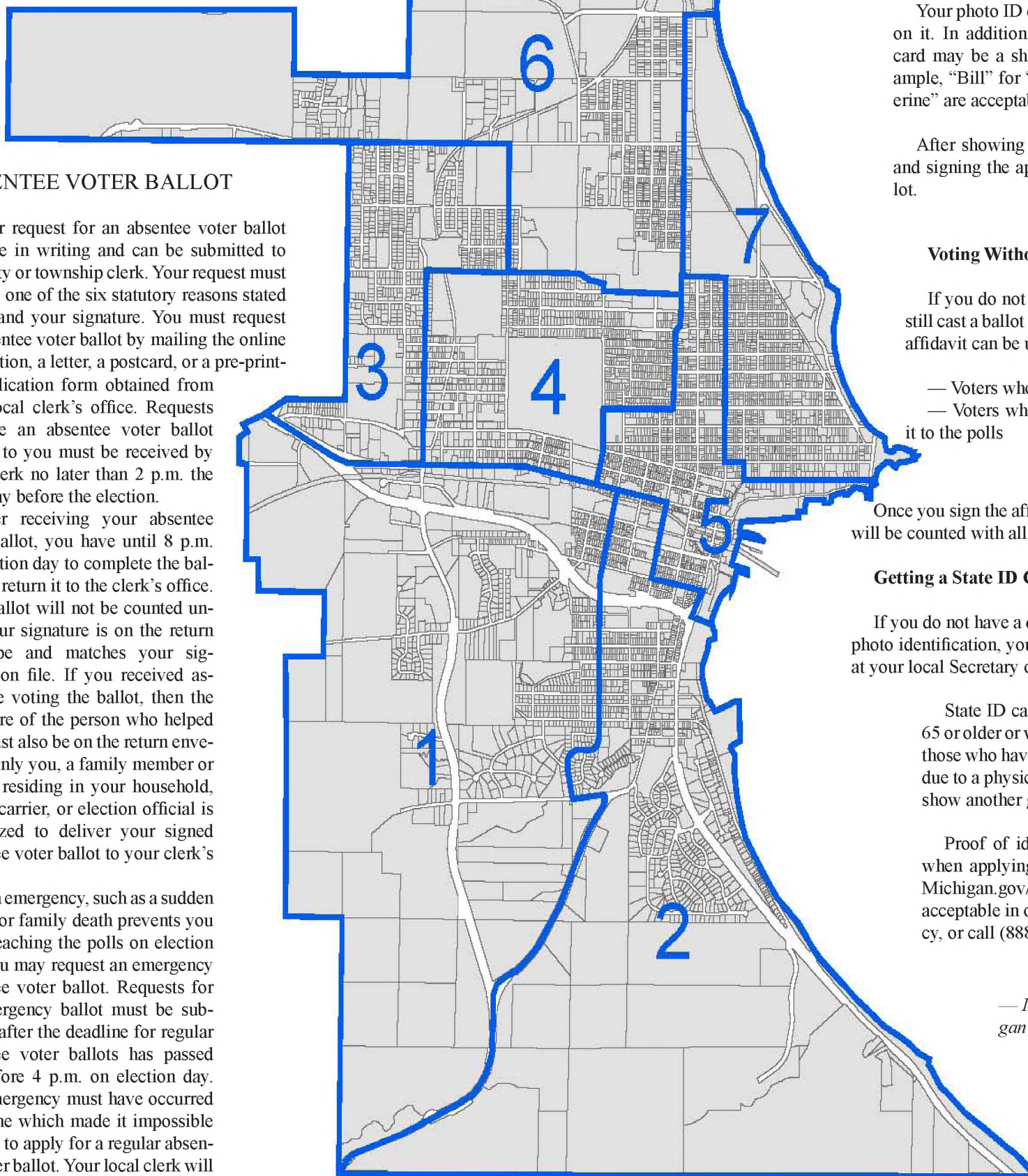
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VOTING PRECINCTS

Precincts one and two: Baraga Gym at City Hall, located at 300 W. Baraga Ave.

Precincts three, four and five: Marquette Armory, located at 1820 Lincoln St.

Precincts six and seven: YMCA, located at 1420 Pine St.



ABSENTEE VOTER BALLOT

Your request for an absentee voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. Your request must include one of the six statutory reasons stated above and your signature. You must request an absentee voter ballot by mailing the online application, a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from your local clerk's office. Requests to have an absentee voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

After receiving your absentee voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absentee voter ballot to your clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on election day, you may request an emergency absentee voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absentee voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on election day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absentee voter ballot. Your local clerk will have more information about emergency absentee voter ballots.

— Information provided by Michigan's Secretary of State Web site.



PREPARING FOR ELECTION DAY

Due to a recent court ruling, every Michigan voter must present picture identification at the polls, or sign an affidavit attesting that he or she is not in possession of picture identification.

Prepare for Election Day

Remember to bring an acceptable form of photo identification to the polls on Election Day. If you don't have photo ID you can still vote (see Voting Without Photo ID below).

Your photo ID does not need to have your address on it. In addition, the name on your identification card may be a shorter form of your name. For example, "Bill" for "William" and "Kathy" for "Katherine" are acceptable.

After showing your photo ID to the poll worker and signing the application, you may cast your ballot.

Voting Without Photo ID

If you do not have photo identification, you can still cast a ballot simply by signing an affidavit. The affidavit can be used by:

- Voters who do not have acceptable photo ID
- Voters who have photo ID but didn't bring it to the polls

Once you sign the affidavit, you may cast your ballot. It will be counted with all other ballots on Election Day.

Getting a State ID Card

If you do not have a driver's license or other acceptable photo identification, you can get a state identification card at your local Secretary of State branch office for \$10.

State ID cards are free to individuals who are 65 or older or who are blind. Cards are also free to those who have had driving privileges terminated due to a physical or mental condition, or who can show another good cause for the fee waiver.

Proof of identity and residency are required when applying for a state ID card. Visit www.Michigan.gov/sos for details on what forms are acceptable in order to prove identity and residency, or call (888) SOS-MICH (767-6424).

— Information provided by Michigan's Secretary of State Web site.

— Map of Marquette courtesy of the City of Marquette



Wildcat Wallet



Since money doesn't grow on trees, ASNMU developed the Wildcat Wallet program to help stretch your dollar a little farther. Show your NMU ID at these local businesses for discounts!

Aubree's Pizza
10% off and free on-campus delivery

Culver's
10% off whole meal

Hudson's Classic Grill
buy one entree, get second 1/2 off

A&W
10% off combos #1-8 on Thursday

Family Video
free \$1 movie with any new rental

Up Front & Co.
\$1 off cover Friday night and 10% off Thursday lunch and dinner

Participating Businesses

- A&W
- Armstrong Chiropractic
- Aubree's Pizza
- Avant Gardens Floral
- Beanarella's Coffeehouse
- Beef-a-Roo
- Bellisimo Salon
- Big Boy
- Cartridges and More
- Casualties Skate and Snow
- Citizen's Bank
- College Cleaners
- Country Lanes Bowling
- Culvers Frozen Custard & Butter Burgers
- Dominos Pizza
- Econo Lodge
- Enterprise
- Family Video
- Fazolis
- Forsberg Flowers
- Fox Motors of Marquette
- Hair Shed / Superior Electrolysis
- Head Hunters
- Hudsons Classic Grill
- Jessica & Co. (full-service salon)
- K's Oriental Food
- Lake Effect Entertainment
- Marq-Tran
- Marquette Golf Club - Greywalls + Heritage

- McDonald's Music
- McLean Family Chiropractic & Wellness
- Midas Auto Service
- Midtown Bakery & Cafe
- NAPA Auto Parts
- New Age Tattoo
- Pasta Shop
- Pepp Motors
- Pet Shop
- Pizza Hut
- Pomps Tire Service
- Sawyer Village
- Saykilly's Candy
- Snowbound Books
- St. Vincent DePaul Store
- Studio De
- Superior Lanes
- Taco Bell
- TKO Automotive
- Total Image (Tan & Hair)
- U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame
- Up Front & Co.
- Updo's Mobile Hairstyling
- Valle's Village Market
- Vertical Illusion
- Walker Furniture of Marquette
- Washington Shoe Store
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'Saw V' another disappointment



Film: Saw V
 Director: David Hackl
 Producers: Mark Burg, Oren Koules
 Writers: Patrick Melton, Marcus Dunstan
 Starring: Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor, Scott Patterson
 Runtime: 92 minutes
 Rating: R



By Josh Snyder
 features editor

I really wish I could give the creators of the "Saw" franchise some credit. After all, they could have simply cashed in on the strength of the franchise's name and made mindless sequels for years to come. Instead, they tried to do for horror what "The Dark Knight" did for comic book films — make them serious, legitimate sources of entertainment. And although their aim is admirable, their execution is abysmal.

After the reveal in "IV" that he's the last apprentice of Jigsaw (Bell), detective Hoffman (Mandylor) believes he's succeeded in

keeping his true identity a secret. However, FBI agent Strahm (Patterson), the only other person left who was working on the Jigsaw case, miraculously survives one of Jigsaw's traps. Complicating things, Strahm has a strong suspicion that former apprentice Amanda was not the only one enacting the will of Jigsaw. He begins to pursue a lead, which puts him on a collision course with Hoffman who will stop at nothing to keep his murderous past a secret.

The first two "Saw" flicks were standalone, and it should come as no surprise that they're the best thus far. "Saw III," "IV" and "V" aren't so much sequels as just one part of the same movie. Think "Lord of the Rings" except really terrible. This may

seem like something the creators should be rewarded for, but it's really killing the series. We don't care about these one dimensional FBI agents and by-the-books detectives, just as much as we don't really care about the origins of Jigsaw. Yet these characters and history get crammed down our throats. The need to connect the plots together is so forced that there are leaps in logic so big that they even defy the lax laws of Hollywood.

This ridiculous plot is made even worse by the convoluted story telling. I applauded the creators in the early installments for bringing in new talent to each film. In those films I was more willing to overlook some of the more obvious flaws, but now that they're in the fifth movie, it's time to bring in someone who knows what they're doing.

There are so many aspects of "V" that are below amateurish that it would be impossible to cover every single one of them. The unnecessarily confusing and headache-inducing cinematography makes an unfortunate return, the laughably wooden acting is just as cringe worthy as before and the cliché dialogue is just as grating on the ears. However, it's the editing that's the main offender this time around. Scenes are strung together almost as if the editor was on meth. They move too fast and there's no

rhyme or reason to their order.

This ultimately exposes the other main flaw: the pacing. Despite moving at a blazing speed, the plot progresses very little in such a long period of time. In terms of the continuing story, "V" seems to carry the plot just a few moments from the events in "IV."

But a "Saw" flick can have all these flaws and still be good, if only one simple need is met — some awesome, stomach-turning traps. And although the first three succeeded in this, "Saw V" is a complete and utter failure. Not only are they tame in comparison to the previous films, but they feel like rejected ideas from the first four. The sad thing is, the

creators don't seem to care about them anymore, instead focusing on the God-awful plot. But it's the traps, and traps alone, that keep people lining up year after year. In a sense, the writers are turning their backs on what made the series so memorable in the first place.

Unfortunately, many of the problems found in "Saw V" are problems that stem from the manner in which the franchise has been set up. Because of flaws in "Saw III" and "Saw IV," "Saw V" was doomed before they ever began filming it. And because of the mistakes made in "Saw V," "Saw VI" is going to be terrible as well. The sad fact is that "Saw" is officially dead.



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 Demented serial killer Jigsaw (Tobin Bell) contemplates another one of his ridiculous traps in the depressingly terrible "Saw V."

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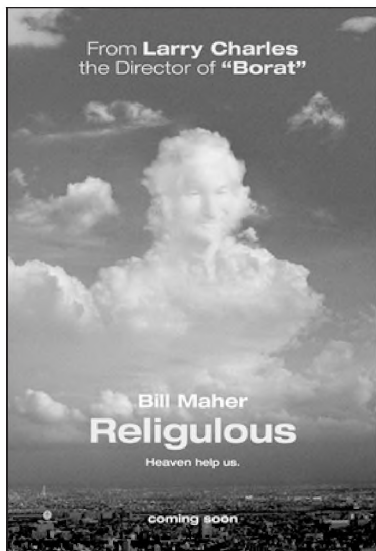
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'Religulous' hilarious documentary



Film: Religulous
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 Producer: Bill Maher, Jonah Smith, Palmer West
 Writer: Bill Maher
 Starring: Bill Maher
 Runtime: 101 minutes
 Rating: R

viewing a man who speaks about the glory of Heaven. Maher then suggests that the man kill himself to get there. Another amusing scene is at the Creation Museum, which presupposes that man and dinosaurs coexisted. Seriously.

While the interviews are often funny, there is also a tinge of sadness to them. When interviewing an "ex-gay for Christ," Maher tells him that he seems to be obviously gay as he is handsome and neat. The man seems quite happy that Maher finds him attractive. What makes this so sad is that he is obviously wasting his life by trying to live in accordance with what a 2,000-year-old book tells him. These are the moments where Maher is spot-on about being inquisitive and having a penchant for doubt.

Ironically, one of the most compelling and effective interviews comes from George Coyne, who is both a priest and a scientist. He has been able to rationalize both science and religion into a way of life that works together harmoniously. He's not opposed to science, and sees it as a way to fully understand God's creation. If religion is to continue to be a part of our society, it's people like this who will make it happen.

Maheer sees religion as something getting in the way of the growth and development of the human race. While Maheer speaks

of religion with the same kind of intensity that extremists will speak of their God, he still makes a valid point. Some may feel that we need religion as a moral compass, which is questionable in itself. We don't need the Bible to see murder as something not beneficial for a functioning society.

"Religulous" isn't without faults. The major issue I had is that the editing goes out of the way to make the interviewees look stupid. Anyone who's spoken to a firm believer knows they don't need any help from editing. Maheer also has a tendency to cut to archival footage to drive home a joke. Throughout the movie he uses short clips of anything from

bombs exploding to people talking in tongues. Although this is funny at times, it tends to go overboard. In addition, I think interviews with atheists like Christopher Hitchens or Richard Dawkins would have added an interesting viewpoint.

"Religulous" is about more than just pointing out holes and inanities in religion. It's about questioning our beliefs. I implore everyone to see it. It may not change your mind, but it will present information in a new light. As a society, it's important for us to be skeptical about what we have been given as truth. This film truly offers both believers and non-believers the encouragement to question.



By Scott Viau
 staff writer

Bill Maheer is no stranger to controversy. If he's not poking fun at religion, he's making light of tragic events. It's surprising, then, that "Religulous" is his first feature-length film. Bound to offend millions, it's a scathing film where Maheer effectively and hilariously points out the absurdities of religion, while trying to get people to question what they believe.

As an atheist, I agree completely with what Maheer is arguing for, especially critical thinking about religion. It's amazing to

hear people talk of faith in terms of fact, and it's admittedly hard not to criticize someone because of an outrageous personal belief.


Maheer feels that the world would be a better place without religion, and I agree. Human decency and compassion should outweigh what the voices from up above tell us.

Hearing his interviewees talk about coming back after the Rapture on a white horse or seeing footage of people speaking in tongues should be enough to convince people there's something wrong here. This doesn't make sense, yet people believe it. This is what Maheer finds mind-boggling. How can rational adults believe these things? One of Maheer's funniest moments is when he is inter-



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 Comedian Bill Maheer speaks with a man who plays Jesus at a Christian amusement park in his documentary "Religulous."

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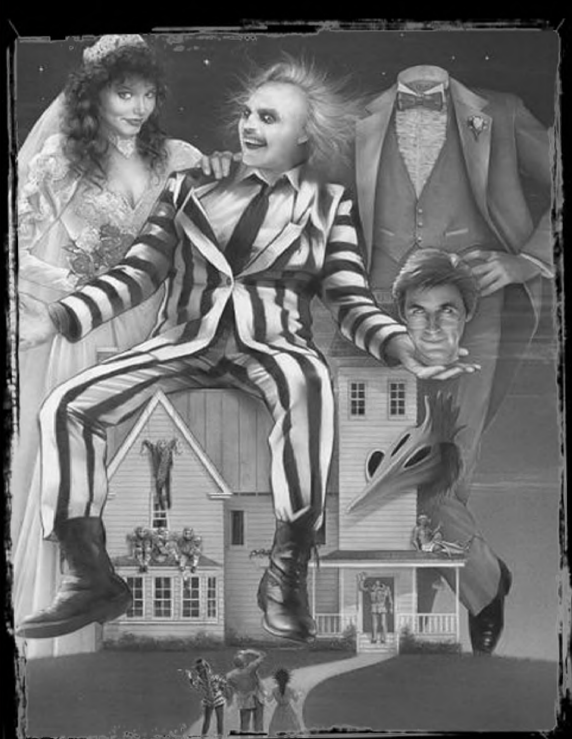
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NMU volleyball 3rd in GLIAC

By **Gordon Beedle**
assistant sports editor

After splitting its last two games on the road, the NMU volleyball team (16-9, 9-4 GLIAC) currently sits tied with SVSU for third place in the GLIAC North.

The next chance for the Wildcats to improve their record is when they step on the court Friday versus rival Michigan Tech (16-8, 10-3 GLIAC), who is second place in the division.

Senior captain Breanne Zaremba said, the match against Tech has always been one the team loves to play, and loves to win.

"It gets bigger throughout every year," she said. "When you're a freshman you hear it's a big rival and then junior and senior years you just take it to heart because those are the last couple of years and the last couple of times you're going to get to play (Michigan Tech)."

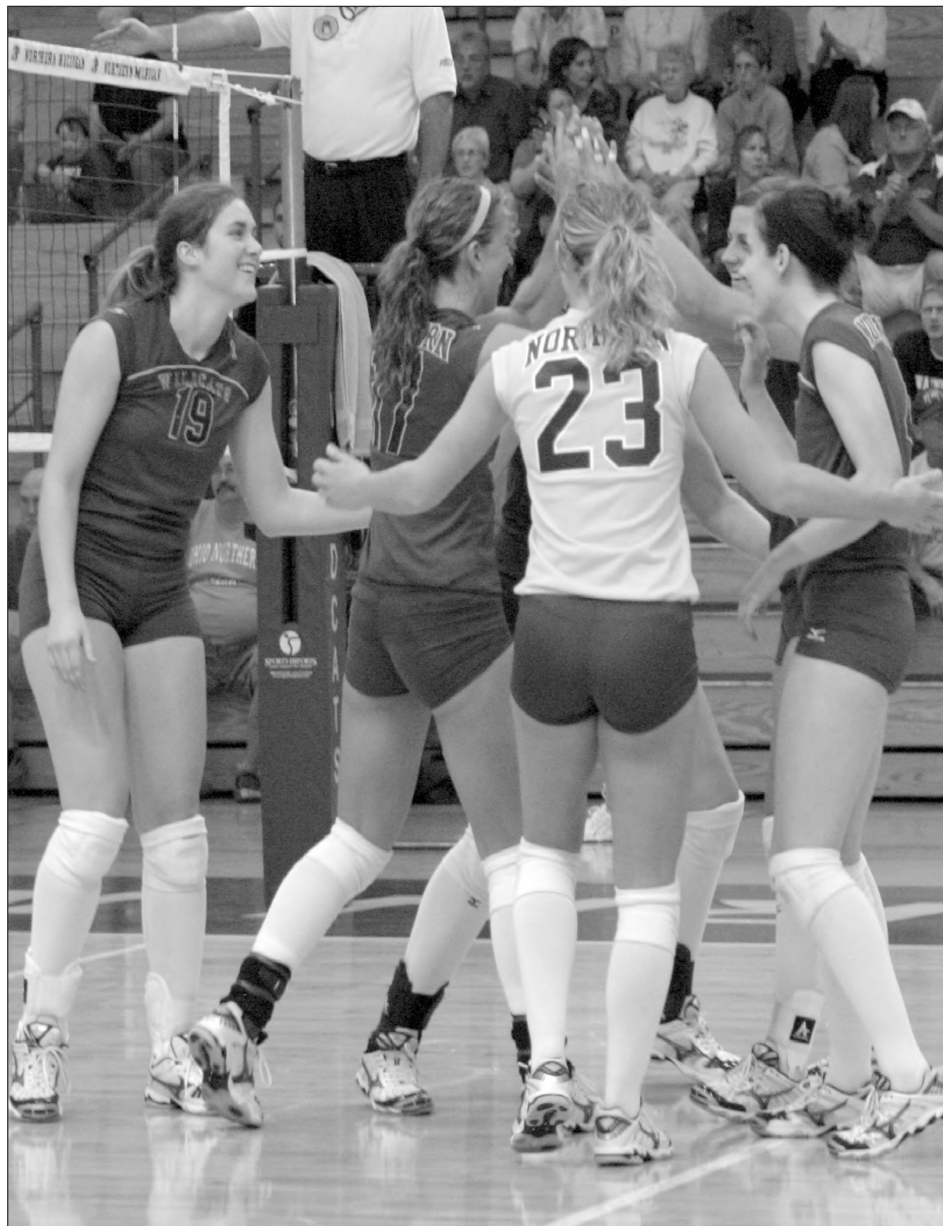
This season's rivalry will be for more than just Upper Peninsula bragging rights for the two volleyball squads. A win for NMU could result in a three-way tie for second place in the GLIAC North between Tech, NMU and SVSU.

NMU is trying to rebound from a 3-1 loss to SVSU and assistant coach Kristin Slamer said the heated match couldn't come at a better time.

"We had a lot of high expectations going into that match, and we just didn't finish," she said. "One of Saginaw Valley's goals was to beat us twice. But hopefully, if we play our cards right, we can see them again in the first round of the GLIAC tournament and have a little payback for that."

But, with the conference tournament two weeks away, the 'Cats are setting their sights on the tasks at hand.

"There are a lot of things that have to play out, as far as who has to beat whom. But we have to do our job as far as beating Michigan Tech, beating Ferris State and



Brittany McIntire/NW

With four regular season home games left, NMU volleyball looks to rise in the rankings.

Grand Valley," Slamer said. "We're not focused so much on our rankings right now, as much as getting into the conference tournament."

In order to beat Tech on Friday and help NMU's conference strides, Slamer said they're going to have to battle in a long de-

fensive match.

To lead the 'Cats' defense, NMU looks to junior libero Cassie Osiecki, who leads the team in digs, and is number four in the GLIAC North with a total of 389 digs, a 3.93 average.

"Volleyball is a game of mistakes and

whoever makes the least mistakes wins. Tech is a good blocking team and they're going to come out ready to cover," Osiecki said. "So it's going to be a hard fought battle."

Last year, NMU split the series with Tech, with each team winning on its home court.

This season NMU went to Houghton on Sept. 16 and took a 3-1 victory against the Huskies

"It's a big rivalry and they're ready to beat us, since we beat them," coach Slamer said.

"Wherever you play, both sides of the ball play really hard with lots of emotion, and lots of intensity. It's an awesome game to watch."

Adding some heat to the rivalry is head coach Dominic Yoder's history with MTU. In 2004 and 2005 Yoder was an assistant to current Tech head coach Krista Mikesch.

"I think Dominic maybe had to know what they do in certain scenarios, but the team changes so much and it's hard to know with different players, and what they're going to do," Slamer said. "I don't think the girls play into it as much, but it kind of adds a little fuel to the fire."

To prepare for this battle, NMU is trying to have game-like situations at practice, according to Zaremba.

"We just practice how we play. If we bring that energy on the court, that is going to bring Tech down," she said. "But a lot of it comes with passion and heart when it comes down to it. When you have two good teams the team that puts their whole heart on the court, is going to come out with the victory."

The match against Tech will start Friday at 6 p.m. NMU will also face Urbana University for its senior day on Saturday at 5 p.m. Both games will be in the Vandament Arena.



Slamer

Soccer team focusing on finishing

By **Brice Burge**
staff writer

The Northern Michigan University soccer team hit the road and defeated the University of Findlay 3-2 in double overtime on Friday and tied Tiffin University at one goal apiece on Sunday.

Head coach Matt Granstrand said he was pleased with his team's play, but not completely satisfied.

"We would obviously like the win, but we will take a win and tie on a road trip every time," Granstrand said.

The road trip through Northern Ohio started against the Oilers of Findlay. NMU was down early, after Findlay's Amanda Bachmayer scored in minute 17.

In the second half, the Wildcats faced a bigger problem, as Findlay's Ashley Ruz's goal left NMU with only 24 minutes to score two goals.

Northern stepped up to the challenge. Sophomore forward Dana Stephens intercepted a pass and scored with 16 minutes to go.

A corner kick nine minutes later set up

the second regulation goal for NMU, as defender Celia Sturos notched the tally.

After an uneventful first overtime, the Wildcats came on the attack with two quick shots in the second overtime period. Defender Meghan Sarna drove the ball toward the goal line when she passed the ball to a wide open Abbie Debiak for the decisive score.

"Scoring the game winning goal was a great feeling," Debiak said. "Sarna played a great ball across the mouth of the goal. I don't know where my defender was, but I just hoped I didn't mess up a great opportunity."

Granstrand said the victory was the best team play of the season.

"We came back from two goals down on the road, which shows our determination and maturity," he explained.

The road trip continued to Tiffin on Sunday. GLIAC newcomer Tiffin beat NMU earlier this year, 1-0 in Marquette. The Dragons have brought a more physical style of play with them to the conference.

After being outshot 5-1 in the first half and fouled 11 times, the Wildcats were able

to find the back of the net when Sarna capitalized on a free kick 20 yards out.

"There was a wind, but I managed to hit it top left corner," Sarna said. "It was a pretty lucky goal."

NMU held the lead until nine minutes to go when Tiffin defender Kirsten White scored off of a corner kick.

Neither team scored again.

"The Tiffin game was a physical match-up but we have gotten used to it after all the physical games this year," Granstrand said.

The Wildcats (10-8-1, 6-6-1 GLIAC) now have one more regular season game left, on the road against Ashland on Saturday.

The Eagles (7-12, 4-9 GLIAC) defeated NMU 1-0 in the first GLIAC game of the year in September.

This game will help decide who will get home field advantage for the opening round of the GLIAC championships Nov. 6.

Currently the Wildcats are in fifth place in the GLIAC and can only go up.

A win against Ashland, and a Saginaw Valley State University (7-8, 7-6 GLIAC) loss or tie, would bump NMU to fourth.

SVSU is set to play Northwood University on Sunday.

In the GLIAC, the top six of eight teams will make it to the tournament.

The first two teams getting a bye.

Grand Valley State University has clinched home-field advantage throughout the tournament, and Tiffin grabbed the second spot with the tie against Northern.

Ferris State has one of the first round byes guaranteed.

However, a FSU loss and SVSU win would put them against the Wildcats in the first round in Big Rapids, Mich.

The tournament bracket will be finalized after the SVSU-Northwood game on Sunday.

Coach Granstrand said this is the best time of the year for his team to play at the top of its game.

"As our year is winding down we are playing our best soccer. That's the way we always want it," Granstrand said. "We have made the GLIAC Tourney, now we see how far we can go."

NMU will play its final regular seasons game, Saturday in Ohio against Ashland.

NMU hockey preps for Notre Dame

By Curt Kemp
sports editor

This weekend, the NMU hockey team faces the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, the No. 13 team in the nation, and having already faced the No. 8 Michigan Wolverines and the No. 11 Michigan State Spartans in consecutive weeks, the Irish will be yet another challenging CCHA team to get by.

"This is the best team we've played all year — clearly," head coach Walt Kyle said.

It doesn't help that the Irish were swept by CCHA-leader Miami at home last weekend, marking the first time in nearly three years that the Irish were swept at home in CCHA play.

When asked whether the Irish would come in looking for redemption, coach Kyle was quick with an answer.

"Absolutely, and we should be too," he responded.

The 'Cats are coming off a weekend where they tied MSU 2-2 Friday night, then lost in a shootout; on Saturday, the Wildcats fell 2-0, with the second MSU goal coming on an empty net.

"We were one shot away from winning on Friday, and one shot away from tying that game on Saturday," Kyle said. "We gave up three goals in two games (taking away the empty-net goal Saturday night), which is quite honestly, pretty good defensive hockey."

Notre Dame will test that solid NMU defense this weekend with a roster full of veteran returners.

Notre Dame (2-3-0, 0-2-0-0 CCHA) returns 18 letterwinners from the 2007-08 team that made it to the NCAA Frozen Four National Championship game, including its senior leading scorer and pre-season all-conference honoree, forward Erik Condra. Condra has six points this season, coming off two goals and four assists. In addition, eight players on the Irish roster are NHL draftees.

Last season, NMU (2-3-1, 1-2-1-0 CCHA) split with Notre Dame and then defeated the Irish in the third-place game of the CCHA

Championships at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit. NMU junior forward Ray Kaunisto said the team realizes, from last year, just how much talent Notre Dame brings to the Berry Events Center this weekend.

"(Junior center Kevin) Deeth, Condra, (junior defenseman Kyle) Lawson, they're all the top prospects from juniors and they're in their third, fourth year. They're all good," Kaunisto said. "It's a real good team and they've got a real good coach. It's going to be tough for us."

All told, Notre Dame had five players on the all-conference preseason team, including Lawson and Condra on the first team, junior forward Ryan Thang and sophomore defenseman Ian Cole on the second as well as senior goaltender Jordan Pearce at honorable mention.

From LSSU to NMU

NMU volunteer coach Joe Shawhan knows — perhaps more than any coach on the Wildcat staff — what sort of team Notre Dame will bring to the BEC ice.

Shawhan played under and coached with current Notre Dame head coach Jeff Jackson when the two were still at Lake Superior State University, and both were members of the Lakers hockey program during LSSU's winningest decade, which included three national championships.

"What I know about the game, primarily my philosophies and what I've learned, I've developed from his mentoring," Shawhan said about Jackson.

Yet, for this weekend, Shawhan couldn't anticipate much about how Jackson will coach.

"Jeff's innovative and he changes all the time. Week to week, opponent to opponent, he dissects the opposition and he'll put a gameplan in according to that," Shawhan said. "You can't get tendencies on what he'll do week to week. He'll come in with something new."

Shawhan came to NMU three months ago, and already is making an impact.

Though he works with every player on the team, Shawhan, a former goalie with LSSU, has helped NMU goaltenders Brian Stewart, Derek Janzen and Devan Hartigan. Kyle said, in the past, NMU didn't have a coach on staff that could work with goaltenders specifically.

"Joe likes to coach. I can tell he enjoys coaching," Kyle said. "He spends time after practice with the guys and working with the guys. And to me, that's a big tell on how hungry a young coach is. I think he's done a real good job."

And Shawhan isn't your run of the mill volunteer coach.

"It's not like just bringing in your normal volunteer assistant," Kyle said. "It's bringing in a guy that's done every aspect of that job (as a full-time assistant), so he can add opinions in everything you do."

This weekend, when Shawhan looks across the ice, he'll see his former head coach, who he's faced in the past, but never as an NMU Wildcat.

And though Jackson will probably appear calm for most of the weekend's games, Shawhan said there's more to the Notre Dame head coach than meets the eye.

"He comes across being very calm, above the water," Shawhan said. "But he's paddling like hell underneath."

Jackson took the helm at Notre Dame in the 2005-06 season, and since then has brought the Fighting Irish to the top of the CCHA standings, specifically in postseason play.

"There's a lot of similarities between Walt and Jeff and I see those similarities having been around both of them," Shawhan said. "I can see why both teams at the end of the year have success."

Kyle has led the Wildcats to the CCHA Championships five of six years, while Jackson took the Irish to the National Championship game last season.

And as Shawhan left for the ice, and was advised to enjoy practice, he responded quickly:

"I always do."

Hard at Work

Kyle cited Kaunisto and junior forward Billy Smith as players he's been impressed with thus far. Kaunisto, he said, was the most improved player from a year ago, while he identified Smith as the hardest working.

Kaunisto has four points on the season and has registered a zero plus/minus rating.

"Kaunisto's doing all the little things that it takes to have success," Kyle said. "He's been a good player. Disregarding the two goals and two assists he has, he's still been an impact player in the games he's played."

Kaunisto said it was hard work in the offseason that's helped him to improve this season. He traveled to Las Vegas to work out with a friend who was playing on a team there.

"I got a lot stronger, and more confident coming in as an upperclassman," he said. "And I've just been working hard."

Smith, one of the four players on NMU's primary penalty kill team, has one assist on the season, but the NMU penalty has succeeded in killing 29 of 32 opponent powerplays.

Smith's head coach said the junior forward isn't the prototypical star on a hockey team, but that Smith does exactly what is asked of him.

"There's a guy that's played very well, and goes without notice because he doesn't produce much offensively," Kyle said. "But he does his job well and works his butt off."

There's a reason for that, according to Smith.

"I've just got to work hard so Walt doesn't yell at me," he said. "But honestly, obviously I want to become a better player. And if I don't come to practice and work hard, I'm cheating myself."

Kyle describes Smith in practice as "a dog" and said he hadn't coached many guys with Smith's work ethic.

"I've coached hard workers, and he's at a different level," Kyle said. "He's a real hard worker."



It's 'Tri, tri, tri again' for NMU swimmer

By Trevor Pellerite
staff writer

Most athletes spend their time honing abilities to perform one sport well.

NMU freshman and Wildcat swimmer Elyse Sawka spends her summers honing abilities in three distinct sports.

The Chicago-area native is a triathlete, and one of the best in the country for her age group. She competes on the USA Junior National team and represented her country at the Junior World Triathlon Championships last summer.

In order to compete on an elite level, Elyse has had to adhere to strict training guidelines and a rigorous workout regimen. Both have taught her lessons she's able to bring to the NMU varsity swimming team.

Elyse has brought dedication and discipline, learned through triathlon training to Northern. NMU swim team head coach Bob Laughna believes Elyse's focus has positively impacted the team's overall attitude.

"All the swimmers notice that," Laughna said. "They become focused as well."

Elyse brings to the team an incredible ability to push herself, something her old triathlon coach Marcelo Oliver remembers vividly.

"Once, at Triathlon Nationals, she fell off her bike. Some would quit right there or just take it easy on the rest of the race," Oliver said. "Not Elyse, she just goes at it harder."

Elyse has brought her grit and drive, and applied it to the Wildcat swim team.

Laughna said he sees that drive in the pool as well.

"She pushes the other swimmers," Laughna said.

Despite being an underclassman, she will often motivate the other swimmers during practices.

"They respect her, and they get along very well," he added.

Swim and bike and run

Elyse began her triathlon career in 2003 when Oliver, her swim coach at the time, recruited her and several teammates to race for his team.

The group raced in the Chicago Triathlon, and Elyse was hooked.

Shortly after her performance in the Triathlon, Elyse was recruited by Multisport Madness, of Aurora, Ill.

She continued to excel, and eventually earned a spot on the Junior National Triathlon team. This past summer, she qualified for the Junior World championship.

Elyse's workout load to prepare for racing at such a level was enormous. She wasn't able to race on the high school swim team her junior or senior years of because of triathlon time conflicts.

"The lifestyle was pretty much train, eat, train, sleep, train, school, train," said Suzanne Sawka, Elyse's mother. "She realized early on that procrastinating would make things more difficult."

It was not uncommon for Elyse to do two full workouts a day.

"I would do swimming, biking, and running every day," Elyse said. "A lot of times, I would swim for two to three hours in the morning, then at night I would do a [combination] of cycling and running."

Elyse did have a coach to give her workout plans, but she was responsible for working out on her own and setting her goals.

"I've always been very competitive, even throughout high school," Elyse said. "I want to really do my best, and I set very high standards for myself. I really want to make those goals."

When asked why she is willing to go so far, Elyse answer was simple: "'Cause I love it," she said.

She admitted, however, that she often questioned her motivations during training.

"It's very grueling and sometimes I just go home and collapse because I'm so tired

from working out," she said. "It's become a part of me. I can't imagine myself not doing it anymore. When I race, I'm just in the zone and I love doing it so much."

Elyse's sacrifices and dedication paid off for her last summer at USA Triathlon's Tuscaloosa Triathlon in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Elyse placed well enough to earn herself a spot on the U.S. team at the Triathlon World Championships in June, held in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Elyse lists the World competition as the best memory of her triathlon career.

"It was intimidating at first," Elyse said. "It was kind of scary just because you saw a lot of the pros there, and maybe who you would want to be later."

Her mother was pleased with her daughter's finish.



Laughna

"It was pretty cool to see my daughter cross the finish line in uniform representing a USA team," Elyse's mother, Suzanne, said.

After the world competition, Elyse closed out her season with a triathlon in Des Moines, Iowa, a race that could have qualified her for the Olympic Trials. She did not perform as strongly as she was hoping, due largely to an ankle injury she suffered at the World Championship.

Since she came to NMU to race for the varsity swim team, Elyse has been unable to continue her training. However, she hopes that she will be able to continue training after the swimming season ends and participate in races next summer.

She also hopes to complete an Ironman triathlon before she turns 25.

Elyse's next competition in Marquette is Nov. 22 when the NMU swim team returns for a home meet at the PEIF pool.



Photos courtesy of Elyse Sawka

Elyse Sawka has competed in triathlons since 2003. All the photos here are from her experience in the Triathlon World Championships in June.



Additional Information: five upset victories



Ad-In
Adam Dompierre

When Northern Michigan hockey welcomes No. 13 Notre Dame to the Berry Events Center, the 'Cats will be looking to move up in the CCHA standings by upsetting the Irish. As any sports fan can tell you, stranger things have happened. Here are the top five upsets of all-time.

5) Giants over Patriots

The Patriots were an unheard of 18-0 and just one win away from a perfect season heading into Super Bowl XLII. All that stood in the way was an Eli Manning-led Giants team that couldn't even win its own division. With the golden boy, Tom Brady, and Bill Belichick's evil genius at work, the Patriots were expected to meet little resistance on their way to a fourth Super Bowl. The Giants got the upper hand in the closing minutes, when Manning made a desperate Houdini-like escape, David Tyree hauled in a "Mindfreak" of a catch and the Patriots dynasty lost a little of its prestige.

4) Upset over Man O' War

Our next upset brings us back to 1919, a time when Prohibition was in its infancy, women couldn't vote and a crafty John McCain had just secured the Louisiana Purchase. Man O' War racked up a ridiculous 20-1 record in his day, with the only loss

coming to a 100-1 shot horse named Upset. Records of the race have Man O' War starting the race facing the opposite way, and the horse still only lost by a half-length. Contrary to popular belief, the "upset" was not named for the horse, but the results likely helped popularize the word.

3) Appalachian State over Michigan

Michigan was one of only a few college football powers who had never stooped to playing a I-AA opponent, but when a scheduling conflict left them one game short heading into the 2007 season, they threw on their Bad Idea Jeans and invited Appalachian State to the Big House for the opener. The embarrassing loss inspired Michigan to take its program in a new direction by hiring Rich Rodriguez prior to the 2008 season. I haven't really followed the team this year, so I can only assume the move put an end to all of Michigan's bad losses.

2) Buster Douglas over Mike Tyson

It's hard for anyone who didn't live through it to appreciate how dominant Mike Tyson was in his early years. Iron Mike won 26 of his first 28 fights by knockout, 16 of which came in the first round. He was the heavyweight champion of the world by age 20. Buster Douglas was a relative unknown, but unleashed a punching combination to make Mick (of Rocky fame) proud in the tenth round. Tyson went down for the first time in his career, and by the time he got up, Douglas was the new world champion. And knocking out Tyson in Punch Out was no longer a unique experience saved for Nintendo gamers.

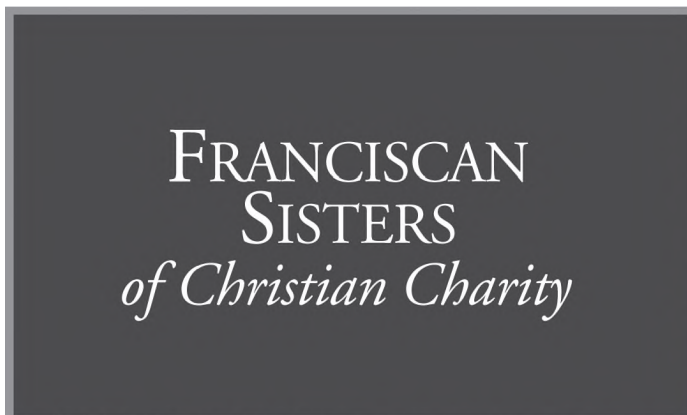
1) United States over The Soviet Union (1980 Olympics)

The previous four upsets were mortal locks compared to the hockey showdown between these two. The Soviets had a roster full of hockey legends; the Americans were a gritty group of college kids. Throw in

the whole Cold War angle and all of a sudden the matchup felt like a lot more than a hockey game. Lake Placid was electric; and as the closing seconds ticked away on the U.S.'s victory, Al Michaels made perhaps the most famous sports call in history with his: "Do you believe in miracles?"

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'Cats looking to drain the Lakers

By Drew Kochanny
staff sports writer

After the NMU football team picked up a win last weekend, the 'Cats look to continue their success against the No. 1 team in the nation, the Grand Valley State Lakers.

Both NMU (2-6) and GVSU (8-0) feature players receiving all-conference recognition.

NMU junior linebacker Nathan Yelk is coming off a 17-tackle performance, which earned him defensive player of the week honors.

Grand Valley junior quarterback Brad Iciek earned offensive player of the week honors, throwing for 319 yards and four scores against GLIAC opponent Ashland. Iciek is the leader of the Lakers 8-0 offense, which ranks second in the GLIAC in total offense, averaging 438.5 yards a game.

"We look at Grand Valley like this: We're the only team in the country that plays the No. 1 team in the country (this week)," head coach Bernie Anderson said. "And we look at it as a measuring stick. Let's play the best, lest see how good they really are."

The Wildcats are coming off some success of their own. On Saturday, the team won for the second time this season, against the Findlay Oilers 29-21.

With this victory, NMU ended its six-game losing skid.

"Today is a great learning lesson for a young football team learning to overcome adversity," Anderson said after Saturday's game. "And there's enough adversity in that game to last a lifetime, but we did overcome it, and it's good to have this win."

With four running backs out of commission against Findlay, Northern was forced to turn to other positions for help on the ground.

One player in the backfield was senior wide receiver Fred Wells, who started his first four consecutive seasons at wideout.

"When I first found out that was going to happen, I kind of got butterflies in my stomach," Wells said. "My favorite player was Barry Sanders, and I got to imitate my favorite player today, so I just took on that challenge."

Wells didn't disappoint, turning in a Sanders-like performance for a first-time running back, gaining 119 yards on 23 carries, along with two touchdowns.

"When you take a wide receiver and make him a running back, that's not an easy thing," Anderson said. "I think a lot of people had to rise to the occasion like the offensive line, but Freddy Wells did a great job in the backfield."

Wells wasn't the only player in an out-of-the-ordinary position. The Wildcat's backfield also featured redshirt-freshman quar-

terback Matt Blanchard at running back.

Blanchard, a 6-foot 3-inch 225 pounder, is known for making plays with his legs, but had never played a down of running back before.

"Coaches approached me at the beginning of the week and they asked me if I wanted to play running back. We had (second string, freshman) Brandon Smith out, (starting running back, junior) Mark Bossuah out, so it was just like, 'I'll step up and do it,'" Blanchard said.

On the afternoon, Blanchard had 11 carries totaling 52 yards while splitting time with Wells.

"We flat out ran out of tailbacks, we didn't have a healthy back to go to, so we put Blanchard back there," Anderson said. "He's not a tailback, he's a big body that goes north and south, but he didn't turn the ball over and he gave us some spell time. And that's what we needed out of him."

Blanchard said he'd do what it takes for the betterment of the team, even if he did feel a little out of place in the running back position.

"I know quarterback is where I want to be and where I want to play, but I'll do whatever it takes to win right now and for the future," Blanchard said.

The near future for the Wildcats is facing the No. 1 team in

the country in Grand Valley State University.

Northern has not beaten the 2005 and 2006 National Champions since 2000.

Last season the Wildcats lost 44-14 in a road match against the Lakers.

With the big game approaching, the running back position will still be plagued by injuries and inexperience.

"Right now it looks like it's going to be the same situation it was last week," NMU offensive coordinator Jeff Duvendeck said. "Freddy will probably be our starter again this week, (sophomore, Brennan) VanEffen's coming back

off of an injury, so he'll probably work in there a little bit too."

Duvendeck was more than happy with the performance from Wells and Blanchard.

Adding to them is the return of VanEffen this week, and Duvendeck said, the running back position looks brighter than weeks before.

"I thought they did a great job stepping in, we didn't know until Wednesday that we were going to move them there," Duvendeck said. "So for as much as they had to run the ball (last week) I thought they did a great job."

Game time is set for 1 p.m. at the Superior Dome.



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Senior wide receiver Fred Wells started at running back in last weekend's game against Findlay. He will resume the role against Grand Valley.

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- Supervised the Family Support Division of the Marquette County Prosecutor's Office from 1994 to 2000.
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Today, Oct. 30

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

Event: Lutheran Student Movement will meet from 11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Event: Health Center will be hosting the Flu Clinic from 1-4 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

Skill Builder: “Exploring Japan” will be held from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Back 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: Snow Sports will meet from 6-9 p.m. in the Erie Room of the University Center.

Event: Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 7-11:30 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

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

Event: NMU Swing Dance Club will meet 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.

Event: Criminal Justice Association will meet from 9-10 p.m. in Pioneer A Room of the University Center.

Film: “Little Shop of Horrors” (PG-13) will play at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

Fri., Oct. 31

Event: Quilters Show will be held from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. in the Superior Room, Explorer Room and Lakes Room of the University Center.

Event: Halloween Party will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Peter White Lounge of the University Center.

Sat., Nov. 1

Event: Quilters Show will be held from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. in the Explorers Room, Superior Room and Lakes Room of the University Center.

Film: “Mamma Mia!” will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

Film: “Beetle Juice (1988)” will show at 11:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

Sun., Nov. 2

Event: Quilters Show will be held from 7 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Explorers Room, Lakes Room and Superior Room of the University Center.

Film: “Mamma Mia!” will show at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

Mon., Nov. 3

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

University Center.

Event: Student Social Work and Sociology Organization will meet 5-6 p.m. in Pioneer B Room of the University Center.

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

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

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

Tues., Nov. 4

Skill Builder: “Mentoring: A win/win relationship” will be held from 12-1:30 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

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

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

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

Wed., Nov. 5

Event: SLFP Workshop will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Skill Builder: “Islam and the world- Perpetual Confrontation or Enlightened Reconciliation? Part 1” will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Event: Economic Student Association will meet from 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Event: PRSSA 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.

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510 — Maybe we should clean the house this weekend. And change the light bulbs. Working lights would be awesome. Keep Hobbes out of the fish bowl. — **NW Staffer**

Whitney Morgan — I am so glad to have you back! Thanks for the cookies tonight. You rock. — **Ex-Roomie**

447 bathroom — I'm cleaning you this weekend. I swear. — **Your roommate**

Roommate — I'm quite glad that Bo is back. Her squeaks were missed. — **Other Roommate**

Superfan — Chocolate is a friend to everyone. — **Unsuperfan**

Ma — You're cookies were a big hit at the office. — **Daughter**

Pa — Can I have a copy of that DVD of those pictures from China and Hawaii? — **Daughter**

Abent — I've been waiting an entire year to sit next you in class. It'll be like the couch, except we can't talk. — **Stark**

Chad Mike — Thanks for putting up with me for an entire year. — **You know**

Stark — Food this weekend. Lots of food. It's going to be awesome. — **EIC**

Hough — Thanks for wasting three hours of your life on Tuesday. I'll try not to do that anymore. — **Stark**

Stark — Where you live is a curious, curious place. Your new hat is fierce. Yay voters guide! Class next semester? That would be sweet, because we don't see each other enough as it is. I don't have anything else to say. — **Abent**

China — That message made me laugh. A lot. — **Not in China**

Curt Kemp — Sorry that you couldn't monopolize the shout-

outs this week. — **Claire**

Features — So many four-letter words, why must you focus on one? — **Stark**

Abent — It sounds like you may need to take 12 steps. — **Stark**

Rob — Thanks for your uplifting phone calls. You know what else is uplifting? Money. — **Your Daughter**

Alisha Jean — Remember when we went to the PEIF? We should do that again. Lets go swimming. — **Claire Suzanne**

Sports — Thanks for taking over my desk again. — **Opinions**

Last week's marriage — I'm still creeped out. — **Sandwich?**

News — Good job on the voters' guide. At least we'll never have to do one again. — **Managing**

Melissa — Happy birthday yesterday. Let's go get strawberry crepes again. — **Your roommate**

Lions — Still winless, going nowhere. And now you think Daunte "Even the Raiders didn't want me" Culpepper is the answer. Pretty soon it'll just be me and Richie as your only fans. — **Shane**

Josh — See. It's a fun job. — **Old features editor**

Liam — Someday when you're old enough to understand, I'll explain to you how I'd write shout outs to you while you were a baby. That's all for this week. — **Shane**

Features — HAHHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA. — **EIC**

To Fallout 3 — Message: I love you so much and I can't wait to spend the weekend with you. — **JDS**

Lions — Thank you for making Shane miserable. — **Kyle**

Mom — I really enjoyed the personalized video. Good thing I sent my ballot in. I just hope it didn't get tossed off the bridge on the way downstate. — **Claire**

Features — I picked up the phrase "Kthnxby" from you. Now everyone I know uses that. So, thanks? — **Opinion**

Palinaspresident.us — I look forward to your daily updates, but wish you didn't waste so much of my time. — **Student**

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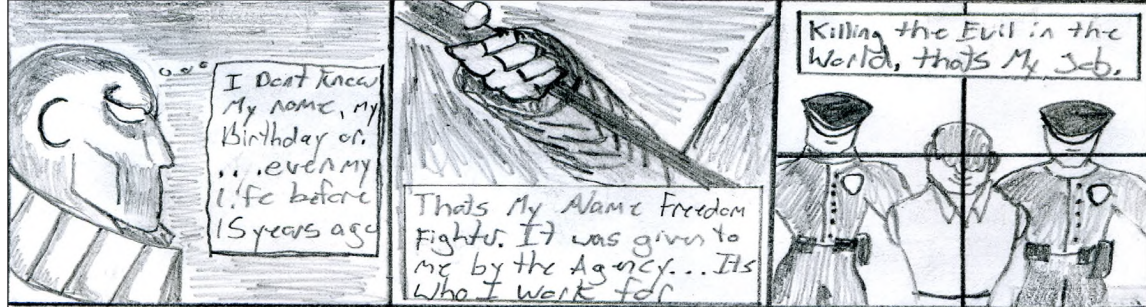
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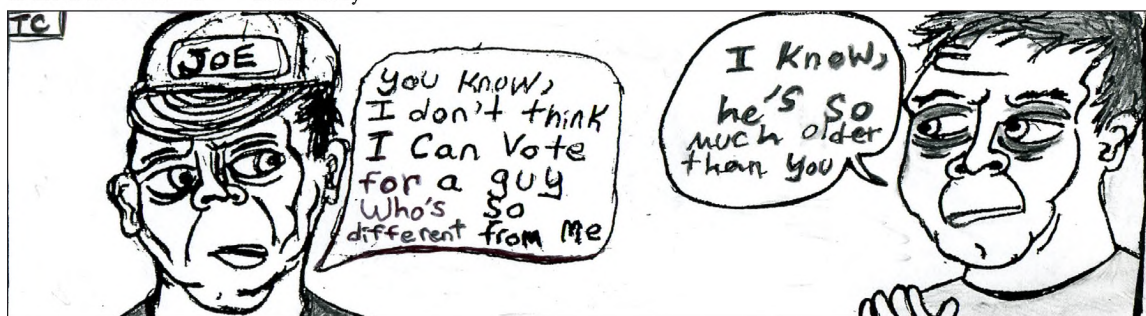
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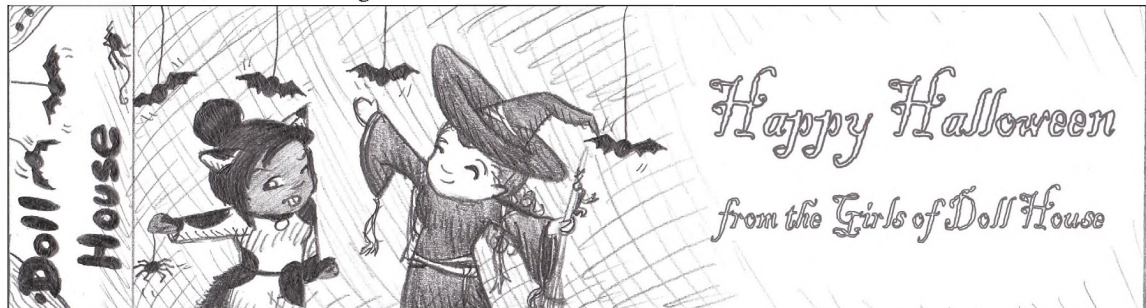
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