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The votes are in: Obama wins



Chad Casper/NW

Local Democrats cheer as television anchors call the race for Sen. Barack Obama. The event, which took place in the Landmark Inn, was attended by over a hundred supporters.



Eric Hampton/NW

McCain supporters watch the race results early in the night on Tuesday. The group had little to celebrate as the Republican party suffered losses at both the state and national levels.

Democrats celebrate election of Obama as 44th president

By Jackie Stark
managing editor

At 11 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 4, Sen. Barack Obama was elected the 44th president of the United States, and the crowd of Democrats inside the Landmark Inn erupted.

"This is everything that I didn't sleep for," said Alicia McCauley, a senior international studies and foreign languages major and volunteer for the Democratic headquarters. "Nearly one year ago, we were in Iowa campaigning for Obama on the streets of Dubuque, and he won there."

Tears rolled down her face as she watched Obama give his acceptance speech.

The Marquette Democrats hosted

the election watch in the Landmark Inn on Tuesday night. The event was well attended by both NMU students and Marquette community members. Also present were Congressman Bart Stupak and State Representative Steve Lindberg. Both thanked all the volunteers who helped canvass for Obama in the Marquette area.

"You made 220,000 contacts, knocked on 69,000 doors," Stupak said. "Thanks for all the work. Obama is going to be our next president. I've been around the block a couple of times and this is one of the most organized campaigns I've ever seen. Good

days are coming."

As the evening progressed, cheers could be heard over the underlying murmur of the crowd as Obama victories were confirmed in individual states.

However, it was when Obama was officially announced as the new president-elect that the entire room became animated.

When the announcement was made, the crowd exploded into cheers and cries of "Yes we can." Some people began crying while others hugged whoever they were next to.

David Cooper, a philosophy professor, said he was overwhelmed that Americans had elected their first black president.

— David Cooper
philosophy professor

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Cameron Fure, president of the College Democrats, said the results were what he's been waiting for since he began working with the Obama campaign.

"It's an amazing feeling. We all worked so hard for two years ... I worked so hard to register students, to get them involved.

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Republicans subdued as GOP suffers election night losses

By Lucy Hough
assistant news editor

On Tuesday night, many people gathered at the Marquette Republican Headquarters to watch the presidential election in hopes of a victory for Sen. John McCain. Community members and Northern students alike sat in front of a television screen, switching between CNN and Fox News for election results.

Though their candidate did not win, the Republicans were accepting of the change. Jordan Schwarz, president of the NMU College Republicans and junior political science and history major, said he was disappointed but felt McCain led a good fight.

"I think we had the best race we could; the nation just really wanted Obama this year," Schwarz said.

People at the headquarters made phone calls and set up food and decorations for the watch party earlier in the day, according to Joel Westrom, chairman for the Marquette County Republican Party and for the first congressional district.

"(Election Day) usually tends to be relaxed; there's a feeling of, well, we've done what we can," Westrom said.

The primary concern in the room was for McCain to win swing states such as Indiana, Virginia, Florida and Pennsylvania. McCain failed to win any of these states.

As McCain won Oklahoma and Ten-

nessee, there were cheers and clapping throughout the room.

Everyone was also excited when Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell was announced as reelected in Kentucky.

Local Republican candidates also spent a part of their night at the headquarters to celebrate election night. Among them was Doreen Takalo, running for representative in the state legislature for the 109th district. Results show that she lost to Democrat Steve Lindberg.

Cori Johnson, a local Lutheran pastor who has lately been campaigning for the Republican Party, checked the election results of local races on her computer through the night.

As the headquarters was closing for the night at 9:30, Johnson said of the local elections, "It's not a good night for us."

Lee Guizzetti, owner of Central Insurance Agency in Ishpeming, often campaigns for local Republican candidates and also attended the Republican watch party. He feels that Obama does not have enough experience to be president, having only served on the senate for the approximately 143 days that the Senate was active.

"We absolutely do not know what (Obama) believes; it's all been slogan and cliché," Guizzetti said. "We just don't

— Jordan Schwarz
president, College Republicans

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BRIEFS

DeVos Museum seeks paint donations

The DeVos Art Museum is collecting unwanted cans of latex paint. All of the donated paint will be mixed together to create new color swatches that will be displayed as part of the winter exhibit, "Beyond Green: Toward a Sustainable Art." Collections will take place in November and December. Unwanted cans of latex paint — new or partially used — may be dropped off from noon to 5 p.m. on the following Fridays and Saturdays: Nov. 7-8 and Nov. 14-15 at the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum; or Nov. 21-22 and Nov. 28-29 at the Marquette Arts and Culture Center in the lower level of Peter White Public Library. Donations may also be dropped off at the DeVos Art Museum from 1-4 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through Dec. 14. Any leftover paint will be available to take home for free. For more information, contact Melissa Matuscak at 227-1481.

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Tuition winners announced

The Center for Student Enrichment announced the winners of its annual tuition raffle. NMU student Molly Harkness won the grand prize of a full semester of in-state tuition. The prize is valued at \$3,252.00. Second place, \$250 towards tuition, went to Garrett Todd. Third and fourth place prizes, each a \$100 NMU bookstore gift certificate, went to Samantha Evans and Katie Dahlman. The prizes were drawn at half-time of the NMU vs. Findlay football game on Oct. 25.

— Carson LeMahieu

Business expert to speak Tuesday

Northern Michigan University's College of Business will hold two economic programs: a panel discussion titled "Understanding and Surviving the Market Turmoil" and a presentation by Tom Baldwin, the largest individual trader in the T-bond market. The public is invited to attend free of charge. The panel discussion is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Erie Room of the University Center. Four financial panelists representing different industries will share their thoughts and opinions on the financial crisis, bailouts and what to expect in the future. Baldwin's presentation is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in Jamrich Hall room 101. Gaining a reputation among fellow traders as "the king," Baldwin has been known to trade up to \$6 million a day. He will talk about how to be a successful trader and will use the LIVE market as a demonstration for the audience. The events are sponsored by students of The Superior Fund, the Economic Student Association, Beta Alpha Psi and the College of Business. For more information, contact business professor Robert Lion at 227-1894.

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Songwriter to give workshop, concert

Grammy Award-winning songwriter Joanne Shenandoah will present a free workshop at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 8, in the Whitman Hall commons at Northern Michigan University. It is open to participants of all ages. The workshop, titled "Creator Given Talents," will discuss Shenandoah's experience in the music and film industries, with the intent of encouraging students to explore their own talents. Students are encouraged to ask questions that apply directly toward them. Shenandoah's workshop coincides with the concert she is giving Saturday evening as part of the International Performing Arts Series at NMU. For more information contact Daniel Truckey at 906-227-1219 or e-mail at heritage@nmu.edu.

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Jeff Kitson/NW

Bart Stupak addresses supporters at the Landmark Inn on election night. Stupak cruised to an easy victory in his race for the U.S. House of Representatives, beating challenger Tom Casperson by 105,673 votes

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It feels like it paid off," he said.

The College Democrats were active on campus all semester, trying to register as many students as they could before the Oct. 6 deadline. Many students involved in the group also helped out at the Democratic Headquarters, knocking on doors and calling potential voters in order to get as many people to the polls as they could.

According to the Associated Press, the voter turnout in last Tuesday's election, once tallied, would exceed 64 percent, making it the highest national turnout in 100 years.

Donald Dreisbach, a philosophy professor, said it was the

large number of voters that allowed Obama to win his seat in the White House.

"I think it's great. I also think you kids did it," he said. "There was a tremendous turnout all over the country of people under 23. Most of the energy for Obama came from young people.

"I think we have a happy future," he added. "You're beginning your careers; I'm ending mine, and (Obama's) good for both of us."

While Cooper was happy about Obama winning, he said he gives most of that credit to young voters.

"I was at precinct seven, and I couldn't believe the number of students who stood in line and waited and waited and waited," he said. "I think the students elected

Obama, frankly."

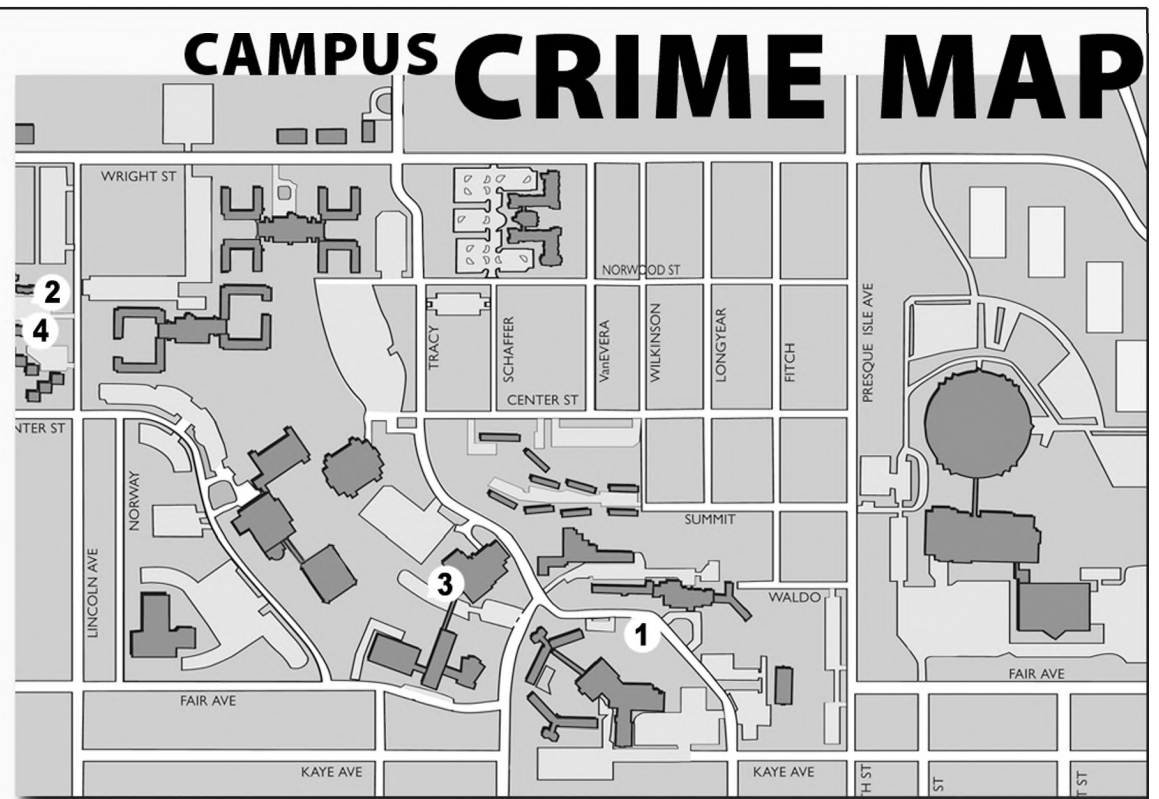
Many people were also walking around, slapping each other on the back, talking about how long the battle for the presidency had been.

Derrick Grongin, a sophomore nursing major, said though the campaign was long, it was worth it in the end.

"It's absolutely amazing (that Obama won)," he said. "It's been too long. I've been waiting 21 months. I think the world's excited, and I think he'll do a lot of great things."

Standing next to him was Lori Bunnin, a speech communications major. She summed up how most of the crowd of Democrats felt about the election in four short words:

"It's definitely about time."



Map Key:

1. A car in Lot 53 was severely damaged on Oct. 31 between 8-9:20 p.m. The car's owner reported dents and broken windows to the vehicle. The case is still open.
2. A dryer and window screen were damaged on the first floor of Gant Hall on Nov. 1. The case is still open.
3. A physical altercation occurred between two male students in the Gant courtyard during the overnight hours on Nov. 1. The subjects were reportedly pushing and shoving each other.
4. A vehicle in Lot 46 was damaged on Nov. 2. The case is still open.

Corrections

In the "Campus Voices" on page six of the Oct. 30 North Wind, Push McCullough should have been quoted as saying that John McCain is for the reform of the IGRA.

Run to raise money for student with brain tumor

By Brice Burge
staff writer

Kaylyn Kutchie is used to overcoming obstacles. During her junior year in high school she had to battle back from an ACL injury to regain her starting position on the Ishpeming High School basketball team. Now, however, the NMU junior is battling something much more serious than a sports injury.

Kutchie has been diagnosed with a stage two astrocytoma tumor, a form of brain cancer.

"I had a seizure and got an MRI of my brain, and then they found a fuzzy spot," Kutchie said. "The doctors didn't know exactly what

it was, so they decided to operate and do a biopsy on it, and they found out it was cancer."

Kutchie had the operation in June at Marquette General Hospital. The surgery took over five hours, as the surgeon had to inject fluid into her spinal cord to soften the brain so he could get to the tumor.

"I told her goodbye before she went into surgery and said that everything will be OK," said Peggy Kutchie, Kaylyn's mother. "You hear of stories like this day in and day out, but you never think in a million years that it would be your child. It's all very traumatic."

Astrocytoma is a malignant

tumor of astrocytes, star-shaped cells that form the supportive tissue in the brain. Kutchie's tumor is located in an area of the brain called the uncus, close to the optic nerves. Because of the risk of paralysis, 30 percent of the tumor is still inside her brain.

"It's in God's hands now. The doctors did all they could by removing 70 percent," she said.

Currently, Kutchie is not receiving treatment for the tumor. Astrocytoma is a slow-growing form of cancer, so Kutchie receives an MRI every three months to monitor the remaining cancer. She is not receiving any chemotherapy or radiation, because the risk of side effects, like Alzheimer's disease, is too high. Due to the location of the tumor and the amount of radiation to shrink a tumor, doctors said Alzheimer's can be a side effect.

Kutchie did receive second opinions from Duke University and the Marquette General Tumor Board, and they believed this was the right decision, because this tumor is on the low end of the stage two astrocytoma and because of the location of the cancer.

The Kutchie's did not ask about a shortened life expectancy due to the cancer and the doctors did not say anything about it either. But they remain hopeful for the future.

"I have a very positive feeling that Kaylyn can live out her dreams and have a family and get married and live a long life," Peggy said. "This is just something that she will have to have checked out as she goes on."

Kutchie is trying to live a normal life. She is a nursing major

and is still taking classes while working 30 hours a week at Biolife Plasma Services.

"I just live my life as much as I can. You never know. You just never know," said Kutchie.

On Saturday, Nov. 8, Kutchie will run in Joggin' for her Noggin', a benefit to help with the costs of her medical expense, like prescriptions and more MRIs. She is looking forward to it, as she relates the race to her battle with cancer.

She does receive insurance from her father, but the donations help her with uncovered bills.

"Even though I still have some cancer left in my brain, I feel like I already have beaten it, I already crossed the finish line," Kutchie explained. "I'm hoping to get a big group of my friends and family and all run together. I've gotten through all of this with them; it'd be nice to cross the finish line together again."

The race is being organized

by NMU's Volunteer Center, Students Nurses Association and Students for Organ Donation. People can either run the 5K (3.1 miles), walk the 5K or walk a 1K.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 4, over 95 people had signed up and the group is expecting more registrations on the day of the event.

"We are anticipating 120 participants," said Danielle Foulks, vice president of Students for Organ Donation and one of the race coordinators. "Most of the people signed up so far are NMU students, but many of our community members are getting involved as well. The oldest person signed up is actually a 68-year-old man."

The course will be located entirely on NMU's campus, starting at the University Center, going past the Academic Mall, around the dormitory quads and back to the University Center for the finish. This will be the first 5K held as a fundraiser on campus.



Photo courtesy of Kaylyn Kutchie

Proceeds from Saturday's Joggin' for her Noggin' event will help with medical bills for Kaylyn Kutchie, who was diagnosed with a form of brain cancer.

The Joggin' for her Noggin' Run

Date: Saturday, Nov. 8

Time: Registration runs from 9-9:45 a.m. The 5K run/walk starts at 10 a.m. the 1K walk begins at 10:15.

Place: Outside the University Center by the Peter White Lounge entrance.

Cost: \$20. All participants receive a free T-shirt with registration. Gift certificates will be given to the top three male and female finishers of the 5K race.

People who are unable to attend the event, but wish to make a donation to Kaylyn Kutchie can contact the NMU Students for Organ Donation at nmudonor@nmu.edu.

Saarinen chair finds new home at DeVos

By Carson LeMahieu
news editor

The DeVos Art Museum at Northern Michigan University has received one of Finnish-American architect Eero Saarinen's famous "Tulip" chairs for its permanent collection.

DeVos Director Melissa Matusak said the piece was a welcome addition to the museum's collection.

"It's an important collection not only because it is a very fine chair but also because Saarinen was Finnish and we have a large Finnish culture in the area," she said.

The chair, which Saarinen designed for the Knoll Chair Company in 1956, has won critical acclaim in the 50-plus years since its creation.

Most notably, the chair received the 1969 Museum of Modern Art Award, the 1969 Federal

Award for Industrial Design and the 1962 Design Center Stuttgart Award.

The chair's design also became a pop culture item when it was featured in the original Star Trek series from 1966-1969.

Saarinen is most famous for designing the St. Louis Gateway Arch, the General Motors Technical Center, the main terminal at Dulles International Airport near Washington, D.C. and numerous corporate headquarters, including IBM, John Deere and CBS.

He grew up in the community of the Cranbrook Academy of Art, where his father taught, and later studied there with Charles and Ray Eames and Florence Knoll.

In addition to the Tulip Chair, Saarinen also created the Womb Chair, the Grasshopper Chair and ottoman and the Womb Settee.

Matusak said the chair will first be put on display as a part of a show this spring that will high-



Photograph courtesy of Melissa Matusak

DeVos curator Melissa Matusak (left) and Susan Saarinen (right) sit in two Tulip Chairs. Susan Saarinen is the daughter of famed Finnish-American architect Eero Saarinen.

light various standout pieces in Northern's permanent collection.

Saarinen's daughter, Susan Saarinen, and Mark Coir, former archivist at Cranbrook, gave lectures on the Saarinen family leg-

acy at both NMU and Finlandia University.

The events were organized by the Finlandia Foundation International's "Lecturers of the Year" Series. Knoll Studio do-

minated two of Saarinen's Tulip chairs for the presentations and a committee decided to gift one to NMU's permanent collection and the other to Finlandia University.

NMU students encounter long lines on Election Day

By Carson LeMahieu
news editor

When Northern students went to the polls to vote they were confronted with long lines and occasional voting problems.

Lines at the YMCA to vote for precinct six, a precinct which includes on campus housing and off campus student housing, reached as long as three hours at times Tuesday afternoon.

Ryan Smith, a junior history major, waited in line for several hours to cast his vote — even ordering a sub to be delivered to him while he waited. He said that in the end it would be worth waiting to take part in this year's election.

"I'd wait as long as it takes," he said. "I would sit here for eight hours if I had to."

He added that while waiting in line wasn't the highlight of his day, the voter turnout was good to see.

"It's kind of discouraging walking into the building and seeing the long lines, but at the same time it's encouraging to see all the people voting," he said.

Volunteers from various campaigns and members of the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU), Northern's, helped hand out bottles of water and snacks to voters waiting in the lines.

ASNMU President Hobie Webster said he was at the polling center because he wanted to ensure that everyone who wanted to vote had the opportunity to.

"Students and people in the community are giving up a considerable amount of time to vote. I just wanted to make sure they were taken care of," he said.

Webster said he was impressed with the youth voter turnout that he saw at the

YMCA.

"I can't help but be stunned by the student turnout," he said. "Community members, professors and people all across the nation are stunned because the college students showed up and they decided this election."

For some students who tried to vote, the long lines were not the only hassle. A handful of students reported getting turned away from the polling location at the YMCA when they showed up to vote without a photo ID. According to Michigan election law if a voter cannot show a photo ID they are still allowed to vote provided they sign an affidavit.

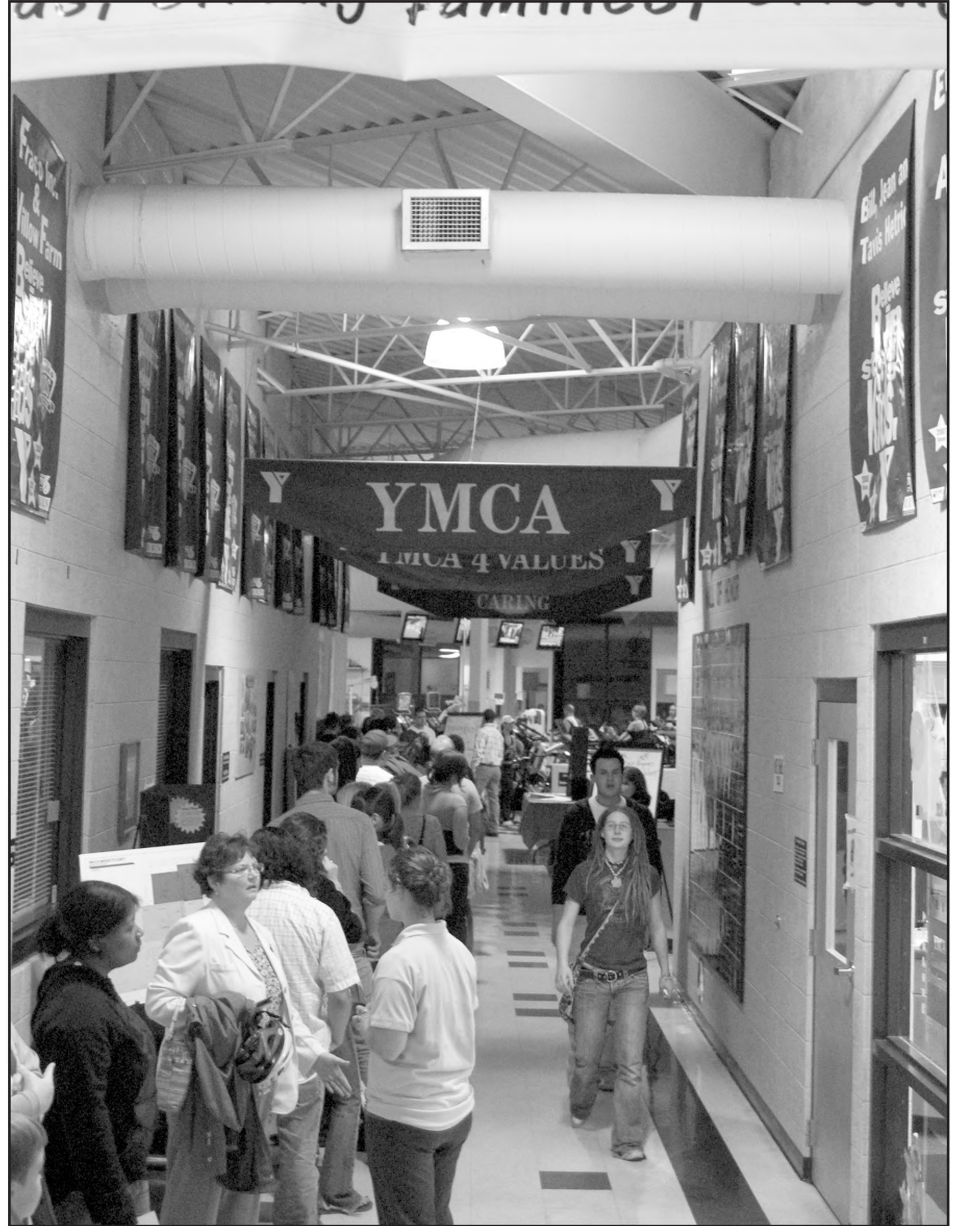
Other Northern students were turned away from the polling locations due to apparent errors in voter registration.

"It makes me feel dehumanized," NMU freshman Zach Schomp said after he was turned away from voting due to errors in registration. "I did my job and now they aren't letting me vote. I'm frustrated. I knew I had to register and now I have no way of knowing what went wrong."

Schomp said he had waited in line for over a half hour before he was told he was unable to vote.

At least nine students were turned away from the YMCA location between 3-5 p.m. due to missing or improper voter registration. Similar problems were also reported by students who tried to vote at the Marquette Armory and the voting location at the Marquette City Hall.

Poll workers instructed the voters being sent away to go to the Michigan Web site to check the status of their voter registration. According to workers, it is not uncommon for problems of this nature to occur.



Jeff Kitson/NW

Voters line the hallway of the Marquette YMCA, where precincts six and seven voted. Lines for precinct six (shown here) reached as long as three hours at times on Tuesday afternoon.

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know what he's going to do."

Guizzetti also said that under Obama, there will be an expansion of government, an intrusion into American's lives, and a vast transfer of wealth, where money will be taken from some and given to others.

"I just would wish he would take it from Oprah Winfrey and not from (me)," Guizzetti said.

It's been an emotional roller-coaster ... I feel that this has been a year for the Democrats to take it

— Joel Westrom
Marquette County Republicans

Near 9:30 p.m., the crowd at the Republican Headquarters began to dwindle to about six people. The snack food was cleared away and lights in the front office were turned off.

Brenda Raymond and her two daughters, Maderia Raymond and Stephanie Breault, who regularly helped campaign at the Republican Headquarters this season, were among the last to leave.

Breault, a senior nursing major at Northern, agreed that when it comes to electing a president, experience counts and therefore Obama is not qualified for presidency. She said that military understanding is also important

and speaks volumes to a person's ability to lead the armed forces. She believes that Sen. McCain has more military understanding than Obama.

She was glad, however, that the wait was over.

"I feel election day is like a doctor's appointment because you want to do it, but you also want to get it over with," Breault said.

Westrom agreed that campaigning has been a lot of work and the break will be much appreciated.

"It's been an emotional roller coaster ... I feel that this has been a year for Democrats to take it," Westrom said.

Westrom also said it was unfortunate that the Republican Party did not necessarily choose their ideal candidate for this election. Republicans from the U.P. had called him and said that they did not support the McCain for president. He hopes that the election in 2010 for Michigan governor will be different.

"I see the same tactics (over the years), and people are calling for change," he said. "I hope that ... we will have learned our lessons and look forward to 2010."

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.

No budgets were proposed last week, due to a lack of budgets. This week, the SFC will meet on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 8 p.m. in the UC's Cadillac Room. The following budgets will be considered:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
Northern Arts and Entertainment	Seth Meyers	\$30,313
Industrial Designers Society of America	Peter Stathis	\$1,505.34

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$47,539.40**

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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Young voters show up for Election Day

By Andy Kroll
U-Wire

If there was any voting bloc Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama knew he could count on to deliver on Election Day, it was young Americans.

And deliver they did: Nearly seven in 10 voters between the ages of 18 and 29 chose the Illinois senator over Republican presidential candidate John McCain. According to the CNN presidential exit polls, Obama won a majority of the youth vote in 41 states.

If Obama's impressive margin among young people stands as more voter data is released in the coming days, it would represent a significant increase in youth support compared to the previous presidential election, in which Democrat John Kerry won only 53 percent of the youth vote.

What remains unclear, however, is how much of an impact young voters actually had in Obama's comfortable victory Tuesday night.

Voters between the ages of 18 and 29 made up 18 percent of the electorate, according to Tufts University's Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE).

If the youth vote's total percentage of the electorate remains

at 18 percent as more polling data is released, it would represent a 1 percent increase from the 2004 presidential election.

That said, John Della Volpe, director of polling at the Harvard University Institute of Politics, said looking at the youth vote's share of the electorate can be misleading.

He insisted that the youth vote played a crucial role in Obama's convincing victory.

"I think if it wasn't for the youth vote, at this hour we would still be figuring out who the next president is going to be," Della Volpe said early Wednesday morning. "When you break down the difference of 68 (percent) to 30 percent, that's a 38 point margin. That's five times better than Kerry's performance among this demographic four years ago. I believe it's the reason Barack Obama won."

Della Volpe, who leads a bi-annual public survey of young people published by the Institute of Politics, said it's more important in the coming days to look at how many eligible young voters did indeed vote in the election.

Between elections in 2000 and 2004, the percentage of eligible voters who cast ballots increased from 40 percent to 49 percent. This year, Della Volpe said he anticipated an even greater youth vote turnout.

"The raw numbers, I guaran-

tee, are going to be more, and you'll have more voters overall," he said.

This certainly appears to be the case, according to a release from the Student PIRGs New Voters Project, as a number of precincts on campuses across the country reported impressive increases in voter turnout.

A precinct at Indiana University at Bloomington reported 3,114 people voted Tuesday, while only 804 voted in 2004. At one precinct at the University of Maryland, 1,440 people had voted this year while only 740 voted in 2004.

Sujatha Jahagirdar, a program director for Student PIRGs, said despite the three-hour lines and numerous voting problems on different college campuses, the impressive support among young people for Obama illustrated how passionate young people were about participating in the election.

"There's no question that young people were engaged and excited and made their voices heard loud clear," she said.

Charlie Smith, the national chairman of the College Republican National Committee, did not respond to calls Tuesday night for comment on the youth voting results.

Having traveled to swing states and college campuses throughout the country as the president of the

College Democrats of America, Katie Naranjo said she saw first-hand the importance of young people in electing Obama.

Young people were the ones who helped Obama win Iowa in the January caucuses, Naranjo said. And again, in June, it was young people who played a crucial role in helping Obama secure the Democratic nomination.

"I can tell you that the young people were the heart and soul and the nuts and bolts of this campaign," said Naranjo, a student at the University of Texas at Austin.

And in overwhelmingly choosing Obama to be the next president, Naranjo added, young people have made it explicitly clear who they believe will best represent them in the White House and who speaks to their interests, desires and concerns about the future of this country.

Even more, Naranjo emphasized the role of young people working behind the scenes for the Obama campaign -- "licking the stamps, making the phone calls, volunteering for the campaign."

It's this inclusiveness that she believes will keep young people connected to Obama when his administration takes over in the not-too-distant future.

"This is something that we've all done together as a collective unit," she said "We're all in it together."

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The change we need

The world changed on Tuesday night, when Sen. Barack Obama became the 44th president-elect of the United States of America. And although it's far too early to tell if Obama is going to be able to live up to the expectations that have been set, it seems fair to say that his election was one of the best things that could have happened to this nation.

As everyone knows, America is a country with a clearly racist past. In a land still dominated by the white elite, Obama's election caps a seemingly endless struggle against the racial split that has torn the country apart in the past. A battle that started with Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King, Jr. may very well have neared a conclusion on Tuesday night.

But the election is not only great for the black community. It's also great for the entire American population, a group that has been consistently losing faith in the American political system, according to polls.

We are now five years into the war in Iraq and just 39 percent of respondents in a recent CBS News poll feel that the country did the right thing by invading Iraq. Only one-fifth approve of the job the current president is doing and fewer than that — a mere 11 percent — said they feel things in America are "going in the right direction." Rarely has the population of this country been so utterly displeased with the current state of the nation.

After eight years of a Bush administration that greatly alienated much of the world, the international community was paying attention to Tuesday's vote. According to an Associated Press article, Europeans were comparing Obama's victory to the fall of the Berlin Wall as a turning point for the entire world. To celebrate, a national holiday was even declared in Kenya, where Obama has relatives.

Given a chance to regain a long-lost pride in this country, the American people stood up and made their voices heard — in record numbers. Another Associated Press article on Wednesday predicted that once the numbers are finalized, voter turnout could be in excess of 64 percent. This would be the highest national turnout in a century.

The election of Obama is important not simply because he was selected, but because it reaffirmed that the people are in control of this nation. And it was one large step toward repairing the world's view of America.

As Sen. John McCain, Obama's challenger, said in his Tuesday night concession speech, "The American people have spoken, and they have spoken clearly."

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More oil is not the energy answer

By Michael LaFemina

The Chronicle

Any national energy policy that seeks energy independence but does not take into account the interdependence of human life and the health of the planet will ultimately prove unsustainable and disastrous.

As a young person expecting a healthy and livable future, I am concerned about healthy soil and food, clean air and safe water; nothing exists without these. I recognize that while there are geo-political benefits to lessening our dependence on foreign oil, there are serious risks that come along with domestic production. A solution that links our national interests with environmental sustainability and economic stability must be created.

We are led to believe that drilling for oil is an easy, safe, reliable and viable option to help solve our energy problems. It is not.

Regarding off-shore drilling, a practice that had essentially been prohibited since 1981 but was recently made permissible by Congress in a bipartisan compromise, we should consider the following: continued reliance on oil only increases the amount of atmospheric pollution and emitted greenhouse gases while perpetuating a lack of persistence for technological innovation in the energy sector.

Offshore drilling is years away from producing usable oil, in which time the global demand for oil will only increase, thus negating any effect an increased supply will have on price.

In addition to off-shore drilling, the quest for energy independence has spawned oil projects in Northern Canada and Alaska. One of these sites, already in business as the largest oil project in the world — covering a piece of land larger than Florida — is in northern Alberta, Canada. Millions of acres of old-growth forests have been cut down and burned to al-

low for a project known as "Tar Sands" to develop. The environmental and political implications are severe: Large forests like these and the rainforests are considered "the lungs of the planet," breathing in carbon dioxide and releasing breathable oxygen; many indigenous communities have had their lives and land destroyed by this project; and the toxicity of it threatens communities across Canada and the United States.

In American cities where this oil is shipped, residents experience increased water and air pollution problems as a result of the very dense and crude tar sands oil, which is much more energy and water-intensive to refine. It should be noted that tar sands oil emits three times the amount of greenhouse gases in the production process as conventional crude oil.

Although last June, the U.S. Conference of Mayors agreed to prohibit the importation of tar sands crude oil into their cities to be refined, the Tar Sands project is still expanding. In order to further the project to meet its production goals, a proposal was submitted to build 20 new nuclear reactors to power the Tar Sands (nuclear energy to drill for oil), but to date that is still under environmental review.

While necessity is the mother of invention, we are led to believe that because more energy is needed, more oil is needed. This is shortsighted and an economic disadvantage. Ultimately, the financial costs of forfeiting industrial advancement in energy technologies, dealing with the continued and new environmental devastation brought by oil exploration and accidents, and paying for the health care needs of Americans who are exposed to pollution from either the burning of or the production of oil are immeasurable.

These costs trump any argument made about the economic

advantages to offshore or domestic oil production.

Factoring in the geo-political benefits of moving away from any dependence on oil — that the weakening of oil-rich nations like Iran, Russia and Saudi Arabia — my argument is politically, economically and environmentally stronger than any that argue in favor of further oil exploration.

But you won't hear much about it because oil interests and American politics have been closely linked since at least 1953, when the United States helped to overthrow the (democratic) government of Iran to the benefit of British Petroleum — this was the moment from which our bad relationship with Iran precipitated. The revolution in 1979 was a response, and neither party has trusted the other since.

As young people, we should demand a clean energy future that enables technological innovation in renewable energy, creates "green collar" jobs, reduces the amount of pollution and greenhouse gases we put in the atmosphere, shifts geo-political power back to the United States and promotes an environmental policy that is rooted in sustainability and social justice. Anything less is unacceptable because it would be hazardous to our future.

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More than ribbons for research



For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

When I visited the American Cancer Society's Web site, the banner at the top of the page read, "Nearly all of us have been touched by breast cancer in some way." And indeed, I have. My maternal grandmother had breast cancer. Luckily, through early detection, her cancer was treated and she went into remission. She has now been cancer-free for over ten years.

Although breast cancer is often not fatal, it receives more federal funding than any other type of cancer, a designation that is unfair, and takes valuable resources away from deadlier types of cancers.

For women of any age, a diagnosis of breast cancer is frightening. But as advances in medicine have been made, the mortality rate of breast cancer has declined. The research that has contributed to those advances has come from both private and government funds. It has been one of the most advertised and campaigned types of cancer.

Breast cancer has received, per new diagnosis \$2,596 from the National Cancer Institute in 2006, according to the American Cancer Society. But with such a low mortality rate, it figures out to \$13,452 per fatality, a figure that is much greater than that of deadlier forms of cancer.

Pancreatic cancer, which has approximately a 96 percent mortality rate over five years, only receives \$2,220 per new case, a figure that works out to only \$2,297 per fatality.

Lung cancer, which causes more deaths than any other type of cancer in the United States, receives the least amount of funding per fatality. The National Cancer Institute provided \$1,518 per new case of lung cancer in 2006. But that figure only works out to \$1,630 per fatality.

Pink ribbons, the symbol for breast cancer awareness, are sold and displayed everywhere. It is safe to say that most people have heard of "Race for the Cure," something that has been heavily advertised in print, on television and on the Internet. Breast cancer is one of the forms of the disease that usually gains more sympathy because it occurs out-of-the-blue, and is not totally related to lifestyle choices.

But I have never once seen a ribbon on the back of a car that calls for a cure to lung cancer. I fear that part of the reason for this funding disparity is partly due to politics and the American trend of playing the blame game.

Those who have lung cancer are often seen as smokers, regardless of whether or not they actually are. The view seems to be that because they actively chose to smoke, they have thus brought the disease upon themselves. And as with most stereotypes, this one is unjust.

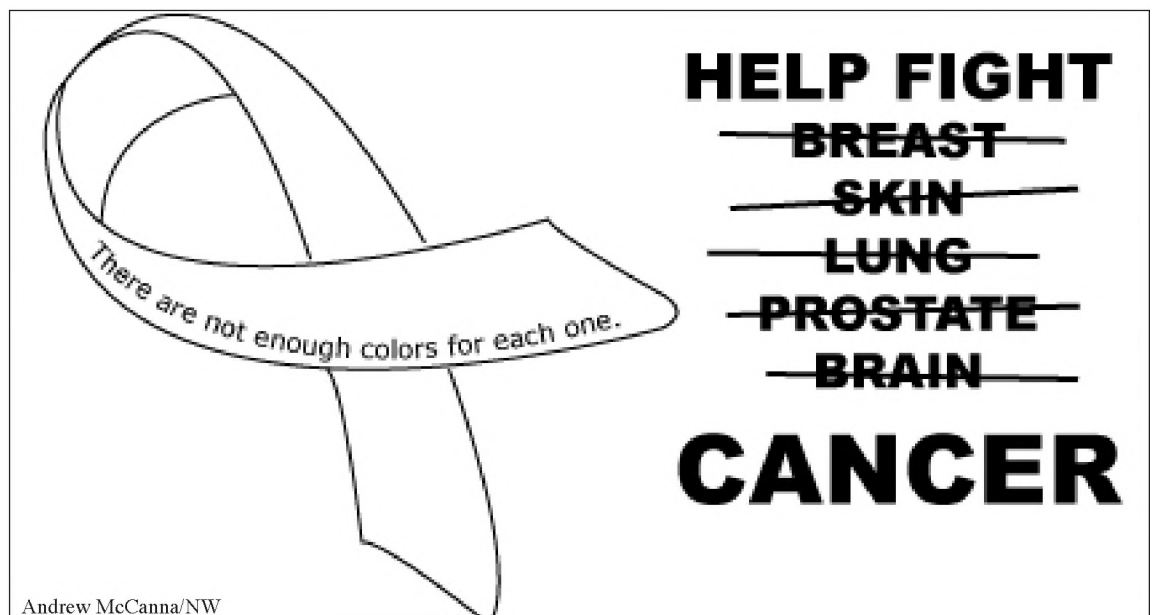
Sick people deserve to be

helped equally, regardless of the means by which they became afflicted. Funding for research should be spread more evenly between types of cancers and shouldn't just go to cancers that are more common or that garner more sympathy. Cancer cells don't care who you are, and neither should funding. No one deserves to die suffering and no family should have to watch that suffering.

Cancer is very personal. Although I am thankful that advances in breast cancer treatment saved the life of my grandmother, other types of cancer have touched my

family as well. Leukemia killed one of my grandfathers. My other grandfather had skin cancer. My father's mother had bladder cancer. And I am willing to bet, there are a million more families just like mine who have been affected by cancer in more than one way.

And as frightening as all these cancers are, I still don't believe that any of them should receive disproportionately large amount of money for research. Along with research, I believe a significant amount of money should be dedicated to prevention and early detection for all types of cancer.



Andrew McCanna/NW

Course registration touch and go



Staff Column

Jackie Stark

It's that time of year again, when NMU students spend hours in front of their computers, meticulously drawing up plans for their courses next semester. Students who still have paper bulletins can be found with highlighters and confused looks on their faces as they set up elaborate spread sheets and back-up plans for their back-up plans.

And each time, they will throw all those carefully laid plans out the window and make a new

schedule at the last minute.

Every semester, a PDF document is made available to students so they can set up their classes before their registration deadline. The problem is that this document is susceptible to change, as are the times or even availability of any course offered at this university.

This semester, I had planned on taking a course that magically disappeared two days after I made my schedule, and another course I was required to take to graduate randomly changed from a two-hour, Monday and Wednesday class, to a two-hour class on Tuesday, so I had to rearrange my schedule to make room for it.

Each department is given at

least two months to form their semester schedules. There is no reason for some courses to be offered, then withdrawn only days later. And while the process has become a lot simpler over the years (we've come a long way from waiting in line at the Bullpen in Hedcock, dropping cards in shoeboxes) it is still far from perfect.

It's not as though setting up a schedule is something new for each department. I know it isn't easy figuring out times and professors for every course, but two months should be plenty of time to put that together. They have to do it every semester. They can't actually be surprised twice a year.

Some students even have to

stay at Northern for an extra semester because certain pre-requisites are not offered every semester. Though pre-reqs are certainly needed to ensure that students aren't taking courses above their knowledge level, they shouldn't be hard classes to enroll in.

If I have to take one class that is a pre-req to several of the classes I'm required to take for my major, I'd be pretty upset if it wasn't offered and I was stuck in school, paying tuition for an extra semester. Any class that is a pre-req for more than two other classes should be offered every semester, without fail.

And for those people who would say that if you plan it right,

you can get out of here in four years, I'd agree with them, if they are talking about people who enroll with a major that they stick with for all four of those years. Most people change their majors at least once while in college, and that's still likely below average.

I'm glad that I've finally registered for the last time. I'll no longer have to deal with waiting around for classes to open up, or missing out on courses that I would love to take, but can't because there are time conflicts with other courses I have to take.

I'll no longer have to make plans and back-up plans, or worry about credit limits or liberal studies. Those days are over and I won't miss them at all.

Sound Off

Did you get to register for all the classes that you wanted?

Compiled by Brittany McIntire



Matt Dralle
sophomore, accounting and finance

"Yes, I'm good to go. I'm awesome."



Coral Holbrook
junior, management of health and fitness

"No, I'm counting on add cards."



Corey Sullivan
freshman, athletic training

"No, a lot of them are closed already."



Nathan Frischkorn
sophomore, sociology

"I still have three more hours. But all my classes are still open."



Ian Bojanic
senior, environmental science

"No, a lot of classes are closed and only offered once every two years."

Citizens should put country first



Staff Column

Nancy Longtine

Sen. Barack Hussein Obama is going to be our next president. While some of us may disagree with many or all of his campaign positions, it is now time to put aside our differences and wipe the proverbial slate clean. Sen. John Sidney McCain III did not win the election and we cannot allow party politics to continue to divide our nation.

Yes, I'm disappointed that McCain did not win, but I'm pledging my support to our new president and sincerely hope that

he can make good on most of his campaign promises. Now would be the time for anyone who does not want to support Obama to take to heart McCain's slogan of "Country First."

While this election is a historic one and cause for great celebration for many Americans, Obama cannot pause to celebrate for long. He has the unenviable task of trying to clean up the incredible mess that he will inherit on Jan. 20, 2009.

Every president-elect has always had pressing issues to deal with, but Obama's job will be more difficult than most. The state of affairs in our nation is grim and the rest of the world is watching us, waiting to see what we will do.

Our economy has spiraled out

of control, the financial sector is relying on handouts from taxpayers, and big businesses are collapsing left and right.

American families are finding it difficult to keep their heads above water; they are facing job losses, decreased home values, foreclosures, plummeting 401(k) plans, and rising costs for necessities like groceries and utilities. Obama is also inheriting an incredible deficit and an unfinished, unpopular war.

McCain supporters need to take the high road now and pledge to work together in the interest of our country. We are not just our party affiliations; we are first and foremost Americans.

I hope my fellow McCain backers will join me in supporting Obama. As the 44th president

of the United States, he deserves to be judged from this point forward not by his campaign, but by his words and deeds as an American president.

I admire anyone who has the strength of character to put themselves and their families on display by running for any political office. I think both candidates are good men.

I'm trying to forget the campaign and all the negativity surrounding it. Obama was elected by American citizens and I trust that he will not take that duty lightly.

I don't think all McCain supporters should just give up their ideals and start Obama fan clubs, but I believe that we live in a great country and Obama has been elected to the greatest office

in this nation and, as such, is due the respect of that position.

Our country benefits from many different points of view, but we must respect one another. I feel the constant belittling of our president, whether we voted for him or not, does not improve any situation.

There has never been a president that everyone has agreed with all the time. It seems that many of us were so focused on the fight to win the election that we neglected to look at the positive aspects of the opposing candidate. Obama deserves a chance to lead. He has won that right.

Regardless of how we voted, one thing is clear: American voices rang out in unison yesterday for change, and change is definitely on its way.

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The NMU Volunteer Center and Casa Calabria would like to congratulate September's Volunteer of the Month, Raechel Percy! Raechel is a senior Biology/Physiology major from Boyne City, MI and will be attending medical school in the fall of 2009. She is a volunteer enrollment counselor for Medical Care Access Coalition (MCAC). At MCAC, Raechel enrolls uninsured individuals of Marquette County into the program, where they gain access to a network of donated, quality health care that they were previously unable to afford. Aside from her dedication to MCAC, she is involved in the Student Leader Fellowship Program, and is a volunteer for the Special Events Committee and Students for Bay Cliff Health Camp. We would like to congratulate Raechel for all of her wonderful commitments to service, and are honored to recognize her as the Volunteer of the Month for September.
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Event gives students a chance to sample Native foods

By **Kate Annala**
contributing writer

The Native American Student Association (NASA) will host its 8th annual First Nations Food Taster on Friday, Nov. 7 from 5-8 p.m. at the Jacobetti Center.

NASA and the NMU Culinary Arts program are working together to provide a night of food and music to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.

Other events NASA is hosting during Native American Heritage Month are a concert by Joanne Shenandoah, who is a recipient of the Native American Music Association's Singer of the Year award, a concert by Wade Fernandez and the showing of the film, "Four Sheets to the Wind."

Samantha Hill, the chair of NASA, said that events like the food taster are important to help teach Native American culture on NMU's campus.

"I feel that it is important for NASA to sponsor these events because it gives us a connection and promotes diversity on campus. Not many people are aware of the Native American culture and history, and through events held in Native Month, students get the opportunity to learn."

April Lindala, the Director of the Center for Native American Studies, says profits from the First Nations Food Taster will help

fund the annual powwow NASA hosts in March.

The powwow is a two-day event that takes place in the Vandament Arena.

At the powwow NASA hosts an average of 13 drum groups from around the Midwest and Canada. She added that 200 dancers and 10-15 singers perform at the annual powwow.

Lindala stressed how the powwow depends on events such as the First Nations Food Taster to help raise funds.

Lindala says the Food Taster will highlight foods from Native American groups regionally and nationally. Some items on the menu are traditional and contemporary Native American dishes consisting of bison, venison, wild rice, fry bread and desserts.

Lindala said the food taster is an opportunity for NMU students to learn and experience the Native American culture.

"That is what college is about: learning more about those around us ... to come together to celebrate both differences and similarities," Lindala said. "And everyone loves to eat, so why not share a meal?"

Lindala encouraged attendants to bring a "dishbag", which consists of plates, bowls, silverware and cups from home in order to eliminate waste. Those who bring a dishbag and are at least 18 years old will have a chance to win

prizes.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Center for Native American Studies or the Multicultural Education and Resource Center. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$4 for NMU students with IDs. Prices are \$12 for the general public and \$5 for

NMU students if tickets are purchased at the door of the First Nations Food Taster.

Lindala said that NASA is looking for volunteers to run the Food Taster.

"All volunteers who work a two-hour shift eat for free. We can always use people Friday evening

toward the end of the night for clean up."

For more information about the First Nations Food Taster or to sign up to volunteer at the event, contact the Center of Native American Studies at 227-1397 or at nasa@nmu.edu.



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Volunteers serve food at last year's Native American Food Taster. The event features unique native foods such as bison, venison, wild rice and fry bread. The event is being held on Friday, Nov. 7.

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Left: Director Shelley Russell and costume shop worker Bree Prehn put together a concept costume for "Cinderella." Right: Prehn pins up a dress to get a better look at it. The auditions for the play will be held Nov. 18 and 19 in McClintock.

A new way to look at an old favorite

By Josh Snyder
features editor

Upstairs at the Forest Roberts Theatre, students are busy preparing for their next play, "Tracks in the Snow." However, downstairs in the costume shop, junior zoology major and costume shop worker Bree Prehn is already at work on a new play. She sifts through a long rack of clothes that look as if they've been trapped in St. Vinnies for 20 years, and pulls out a putrid green and purple knitted sweater. With a smile, she holds it up for everyone to see.

"Someone once wore this," she says. "Seriously."

Director Shelley Russell laughs as Prehn continues to pull out hideous dress after dress, mixing and matching them with various garments from an era when disco reigned supreme.

But the work Prehn is doing isn't just for fun — these

clothes, as Russell explains, will be used for perhaps one of the most ambitious shows Forest Roberts has put on in years.

Next semester, Russell will direct "Cinderella." Even though the play is still quite a ways off, it's her radical ideas that have people in the theater department excited and talking about it now.

The idea to tackle "Cinderella" came to Russell over the summer. Initially, she said she dismissed the notion, not wanting to do another play with people singing and dancing in big, extravagant dresses. But the idea wouldn't leave her.

"Art works in mysterious ways," she said. "It's not so much that I chose the show ... but that

the show found me."

After toying with the idea, she decided to go ahead with the play. However, she said she wasn't going to do the usual interpretation, and she opted for a drastic overhaul of the play.

Russell is implementing changes in three areas: casting, challenging the idea of beauty and putting on a green show.

Auditions for "Cinderella" will be held Nov. 18 and 19. Russell is hoping that anyone who is interested will come out and try for a spot in the play. She added that anyone can audition for any role, and she's actually counting on it.

"I'd like to cast a lot of people who have never done theater before," she said. "Anybody on

I want a multi-cultural cast. I want a more honest representation of our nation.

— Shelley Russell
director, "Cinderella"

campus can be in this show. You don't even have to be a student. It's open to everyone in the region."

Russell added that, in addition to fresh faces, variety is important to her vision of this play.

"I think when we look at everything, from Disney to Broadway, we sometimes see a narrow image (of our country)," she said. "I want a multi-cultural cast. I want a more honest representation of our nation."

Having a new and varied cast will also help with her second change. The image of beauty is a theme closely linked with "Cinderella," and Russell said she's working hard to challenge that.

"What I'd like to challenge

is that incredibly boring notion that we know what beauty looks like," she said, adding that the first step is to revamp the characters by casting them differently and by dressing them in the off-the-wall costumes the costume shop are already working on. "I think it would be fun if the (ugly) stepsisters are absolutely beautiful."

Finally, Russell is working hard with students to turn the Forest Roberts Theatre into a green theater. This is done by recycling materials and buying products from manufacturers that use sustainable resources, such as bamboo instead of polyester.

Russell said the challenge was to produce the artistic effort she envisioned while still maintaining an eco-friendly workshop. And though they've succeeded so far, Russell said it hasn't been easy.

"We're trying to learn (how to do a green show)," she said. "You just don't realize until you start how difficult it is."

She said the idea to rethink how they do things at Forest Roberts was also a huge motivation to rethink the way they're approaching "Cinderella."

"I think, in a way, my commitment to seeing the theater taking a greener approach arrived at the same time as my concept for the play."

For senior theater major Alaina O'Brien and sophomore theater major Emma Couling, these changes give them a chance to be creative in ways that most plays typically don't allow. Along with Prehn, O'Brien and Couling also work in the costume shop, where they've been pulling out ridiculous costumes that clash with

Auditioning for 'Cinderella'

Auditions for Cinderella will be held Nov. 18 and 19 at 5 p.m. in McClintock 105. According to Russell, auditions will consist of reading part of the script, but if people want to bring a song or a monologue they are welcome to. Below are a list of the roles that are available for auditioning:

- Cinderella
- Two step-sisters
- Step-mom
- Fairy Godmother
- Prince
- King
- Queen
- Steward

Also, Russell said she is looking for people to fill the following positions:

- Choreographer
- Directing assistant
- Back-stage workers
- Costume designers

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even more ridiculous shoes.

Couling said she was on board with the ideas as soon as she heard them.

"I worked with Shelley over the summer and heard some of her ideas," Couling said, adding that these ideas allow her to try things in terms of costuming that she couldn't try before.

O'Brien agreed, saying that, as soon as she heard Russell's changes, she was excited to start working on the play.

"I was interested to see where she was going with (it)," O'Brien said.

Russell hopes to keep this wave of energy going throughout the rest of the production. She said that reinventing a play with students will be a great experience.

"I like playing with the idea that people think they know this play," she said. "I think it will be fun to take it apart with a group of students."



Finding a calling in Tibet

By Jackie Stark
managing editor

In high school, Peter Richards, now a senior photography major at NMU, made a list of 300 things he wanted to do before he died. On that list were several things you'd expect to see from a high school student: graduate from college, have a family, travel.

No. 15 was climb Mt. Everest. But what Richards didn't know was that this wish would wind up leading him to an orphanage full of children who would change his life forever.

Richards enrolled at NMU, unsure of what he wanted to do, but knowing that he wanted to work in the field of photography. During an Outdoor Recreation class his freshman year, Bill Thompson, co-owner of Down Wind Sports in Marquette, gave a slideshow presentation about traveling to Tibet for the first time and about climbing Mt. Everest.

It was then that Richards saw an opportunity to complete his fifteenth wish, and he spoke to Thompson about going to Tibet.

"I did several slideshows; one of those slideshows was at Northern, where Peter came up to me after and said 'If you go back, I'd like to go,'" Thompson said. "And that's how we hooked up for the second trip."

The following fall, Richards got his chance. Thompson organized a group of people to travel to Mt. Everest. Their goal was to reach camp three, which is 22,500 feet above sea level. However, during the ascent, Richards said his metabolism sped up too much, and he wasn't able to make it to camp three, so the group climbed back down the mountain.

After returning to Lhasa, the capital of Tibet, the group toured the city with their guide, Lakba. Richards said that Lakba, after seeing Richards taking a large amount of photographs, thought he worked for National Geographic and told him they should all go see an orphanage in the city.

"I wanted to make a photo story for an internship I was applying for," Richards said. "I thought this would be a good opportunity."

Lakba took them to the Dickey Orphanage, which

was home to 80 children, all of whom slept three or four to a bed and had only one bathroom to share between all of them.

Thompson remembered being taken aside by the director of the orphanage.

"She gave me this three-week-old baby and had me sit down with him," Thompson said. "He was purring like a kitten. If I could have taken him home with me, I would have. He'd been abandoned in a public toilet."

As the children ate lunch, Richards' said he walked around taking pictures.

"I knew this was the story I was trying to find," Richards said. "It impacted me so much. My favorite kid was this little 2-year-old boy named Tendhar. He was a little, crazy boy. He had these super-intense eyes. They were worldly, aged eyes.

We're all human, we're all valuable and we are worthy of an education and help.

— Peter Richards
senior, photography

"I took a ton of pictures there," he added. "That was when I really become a photographer and a photo journalist."

The group was only able to stay at the orphanage for one day. However, that one day was enough to leave a lasting impression on Richards.

Now, he is working on starting a non-profit group called the Global Orphan Fund (GOF). His goal is to start the non-profit after he graduates from Northern. GOF's mission will be to help educate orphans from all over the world and provide them the tools they need to become successful adults in their own societies.

"We're not out to change them," Richards said. "We don't want to Westernize anybody."

The orphanage also left an impression on Thompson, who began putting a donation jar out during his slideshows so people could donate to the orphanage if

they wanted to.

Over the next three years, with donations from the jar, as well as from Marquette businesses and individuals, they raised \$5,000.

Sten Fjeldhiem, head coach of the ski team, donated old NMU ski team jackets to the orphanage.

"I'm a little bit of a softie when it comes to kids," he said. "I thought it would be cool to send them someplace where they would get a good use out of them. I couldn't think of any better place than Tibet. Who knows, maybe we'll get a Tibetan skier someday."

Thompson, Richards, and a few others went back to the orphanage last August to present them with the \$5,000. When they arrived, they discovered that the orphanage had moved to a much better location just outside Lhasa, which could adequately provide for the 80 children it was home to.

Because of the Olympics, there were many demonstrations and riots in Tibet, so tourism was down, Thompson said, adding that as a result, the orphanage wasn't receiving as many donations.

"That's the way the orphanage survives — tourists bringing them money and donating it to them," Thompson said.

He added that the orphanage had to take out several loans to pay for the new building, and the \$5,000 was a much needed gift.

"When we presented the money to them, the director of the orphanage broke down crying," Thompson said.

And though the second trip to the orphanage was a short one, Thompson said it was nice to see all the kids again.

"The three-week boy was now a three-year-old toddler running around. It was just special," he said.

Richards said the orphanage has left him with a different outlook on life.

"We're all human, we're all valuable, and we are worthy of an education and help," Richards said. "It doesn't have to be huge. You don't have to give somebody one million dollars. It can be holding the door for somebody, or saying hi. Being positive helps out the world."

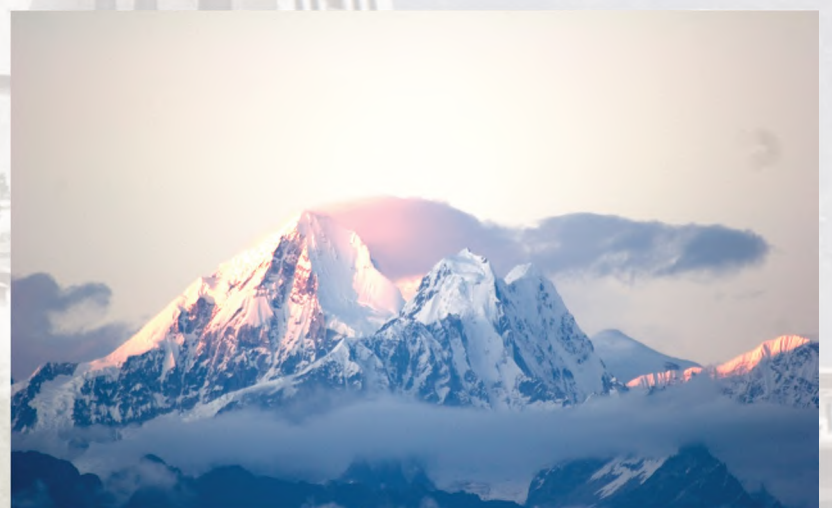


China and Tibet have had a long-standing history of struggle. The two countries have been warring with each other, both militarily and politically for centuries. The following is a basic time-line of major events involving the two countries since 1950, when Tibet officially became a part of the People's Republic of China.

- 1950** – As a result of the Chinese take-over, a revolt begins, and the Dalai Llama as well as over 100,000 Tibetans flee into exile.
- 1959** – Chinese forces suppress large-scale revolt in Tibet.
- 1966-76** – “Cultural Revolution,” Mao’s ten-year political and ideological campaign, produces massive social, political, and economic upheaval.
- 1972** – U.S. President Richard Nixon visits. Both countries declare a desire to normalize relations.
- 1988** – Dalai Llama concedes the point of Chinese sovereignty and presses Western governments for the preservation of Tibetan culture.
- 1989** – Dalai Llama receives Nobel Peace Prize for his activities in support of Tibet.
- 2006** – China unveils the world’s highest railway which directly connects Beijing, China to Lhasa, Tibet.
- 2008** – Protests against Chinese occupation turn violent in Lhasa.
- March 13, 2008** – More than 500 Tibetan Monks march to the center of Lhasa. Chinese security forces set up road blocks around the city.



Peter Richards, above, stands with the children who live at the Dickey Orphanage. They are wearing T-shirts donated by Art's Tavern of Glen Arbor, Mich.



Pictured above is Mt. Everest, located on the southern border of Tibet.

All photos courtesy of Peter Richards.

Disco at the UpFront

By Sidney Arnold
staff writer

My Dear Disco will perform Thursday, Nov. 6 at the UpFront and Company, playing for the first time in the U.P.

The Ann Arbor based band consists of seven members, who play an eclectic selection of instruments, from synth and Irish bagpipes to traditional instruments like drums and guitar.

Theo Katzman, guitarist for the band, said the group tends to let whoever is singing vocals write the lyrics for each song, but gets influence from everyone in the band. He said it was just such a collaboration effort that inspired the band's name.

"We used to be called Toolbox before (vocalist) Michelle (Shamuel); an instrumental band with bagpipes on lead and no vocals," Katzman said. "But then Michelle came and we thought we had to pick up a new name for the new sound. (Guitarist) Bob (Lester) had brought in a song that he and Michelle had done for a school project called 'My Dear Disco,' and he got the 'dear' as a tribute to an electronic musician, Matthew Dear from Ann Arbor. We don't play disco, but I do think that we are disco influenced."

While the band may be disco-influenced, the sound can't be classified into any particular genre. Katzman explains that their music

is supposed to keep you on your feet dancing and always thinking about the songs. This inspired the band to make up their own style.

"Dancethink is a word we created hoping we'd fill that title," Katzman explained. "Every band these days is coming from such a wide range of influences that it can be hard to categorize oneself in a genre. We're trying to create challenging compositions and we never do any music that's mindless. People are saying we've created our own musical genre, and that's our goal."

Entertainment Director Lee Haynes of UpFront and Company said he was excited to have them

booked for a show.

"We have been watching My Dear Disco for quite some time," Haynes said. "We were fortunately able to fit them in our schedule."

According to Haynes, they've planned for a good turnout to the show.

"I expect My Dear Disco to bring a great crowd out for a Thursday night," Haynes said. "They are a great band and this will be their first time here, so my expectations are high."

My Dear Disco will be playing at UpFront and Company Thursday at 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

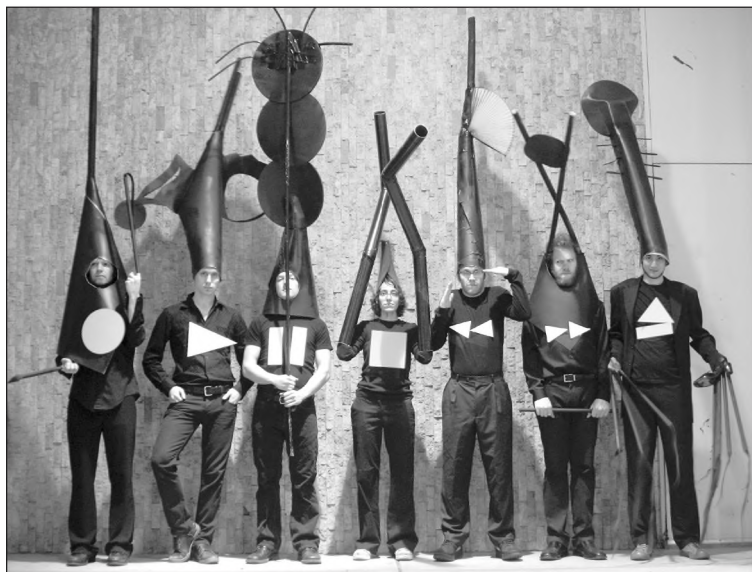


Photo courtesy of My Dear Disco

My Dear Disco will be bringing their unique blend of musical styles to the UpFront Thursday. The show starts at 10:30 p.m.

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'Fallout' videogame of the year



Game: Fallout 3
 Developer: Bethesda Softworks
 Publisher: Bethesda Softworks
 Genre: Role Playing Game
 Players: 1
 MSRP: \$59.99
 ESRB Rating: Mature



By Josh Snyder
 features editor

Imagine waking up one morning to find out that your father, the one constant in your life, is gone. You don't know where he went or why. You grab the few things you can and leave Vault 101, the bunker you've lived in your whole life. When you leave, you see for the first time what was once Washington D.C., now reduced to rubble after a nuclear war with China 200 years prior. And as you gaze out across the landscape, you realize just how amazing and twisted this world

is. "Fallout 3," the latest from famed developer Bethesda Softworks, is a post-apocalyptic role-playing game (RPG). Much like their previous games in the "Elder Scrolls" series, "Fallout" is an open-world RPG, meaning there aren't any levels and the whole game is open to you at any moment, any time. You can create your character any way you want and play however you wish. The game does have an ending, but the point is to explore the world and interact with its residents however you see fit.

The first thing you'll notice with "Fallout" is just how big it is. The map is 16 square miles, creating the illusion of a huge, limit-

less world. Again, this has been a trademark of Bethesda's previous games. However, those games, like "Morrowind" and "Oblivion," had large sections that were barren and boring, and they suffered because of it. Thankfully, "Fallout" doesn't. The world is so rich in detail that you'll want to see every square inch of it. There is a fast travel system, where you can immediately travel to a location, but you must first have already visited it in order to be instantly transported there. Yet in the 30 plus hours I've dedicated to this game, I never once used the fast travel system. The world in the game is just that awesome.

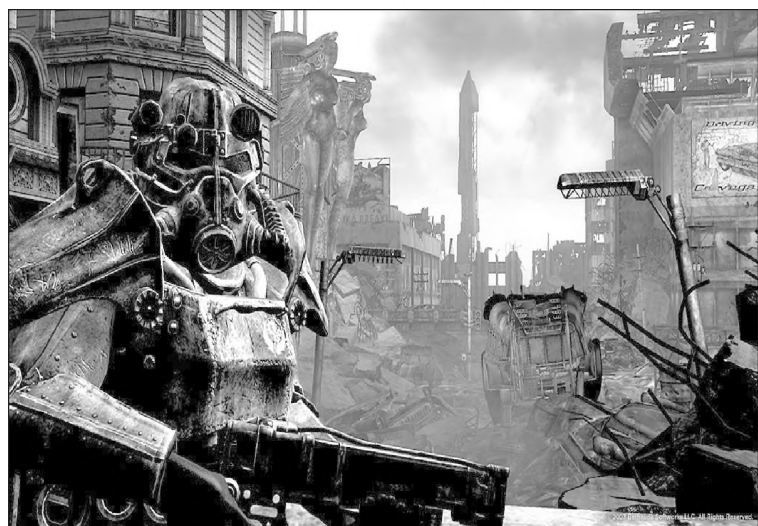
What makes it so amazing is how Bethesda was able to create the feel of a desolate, war-torn world while still making it entertaining. Resources are scarce, and you will often find yourself scouring the land on your way to another town just to find a few bottle caps (the currency in the game) so you can buy health packs when you get there. While this may sound like a chore, it never feels like it. The persistent feeling of survival is what drives the game forward, and it's executed perfectly.

Perhaps the most intriguing element is the combat. While you could play through the entire game using real-time com-

bat, which works very well, you would be missing out on the Vault Assisted Targeting System (V.A.T.S.), one of the most incredible features implemented into any game this year. V.A.T.S. is really simple — at any time during combat, you can tap a button and pause the action. You can then target individual body parts, with the game showing you your chance to hit as well as how much damage it will do. You can queue up multiple actions, which is governed by your action points (AP). Basically, the more AP you have, the more you can do in V.A.T.S. After you've selected your target, the game plays out the action in

a cinematic style, slowing down the combat and giving you an up-close and personal account of the carnage. Much like the environment, this never gets boring, and it's always fun to see the limbs of your opponents go flying across the room. Not only that, but it's very intuitive and fun to use. The combat in "Fallout" just might be the best combat system in any RPG ever.

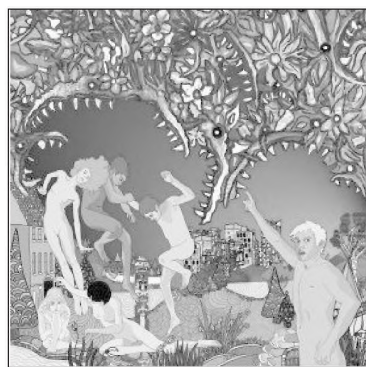
It's rare that a game comes along and delivers so much content in such a polished package. But "Fallout 3" delivers on every level. With so much to do and see, this is a game that will keep you busy for months to come.



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A member of the Brotherhood of Steel, the remnants of the U.S. Army, looks over a decimated Washington D.C. in Bethesda's "Fallout 3."

'Skeletal Lamping' offers controversy



By Tom Cory
 contributing writer

It takes time to fall in love with an album, anywhere from a nano-second to three or four listens. The latest from Of Montreal, "Skeletal Lamping," is one that may take time. However, one thing's apparent — Kevin Barnes and the rest of the crew are charting a course to pop territories seldom explored. "Lamping" is an unrepentant concept album complete with characters and songs which act as a prologue to protagonist's Georgie Fruit's tumultuous life. Beware: Georgie's exploits are not for the prudish or homophobic.

Barnes introduces us to Georgie; a former black man turned

woman. Some barriers to entry for this album would definitely be Barnes' choice of language. If you've never heard any glam era David Bowie, I'd suggest listening to his more ambiguous gender bending content first to gain appreciation for the genre. On the track "Our Elegant Caste," Barnes' falsetto projects a less than ambiguous chorus of "You should know I go both ways." As was the case with Bowie as Ziggy, it's an embellished characterization through which raw emotion is funneled. While in Bowie's day ambiguity was an allure, times have changed and for the same glam trick to work, the genre had to come out of the closet, so to speak.

The first track, "Nonpareil of Favor," opens up with smooth and intricate plucking of a harpsichord, feeling like the best moments of their last release, "Hissing Fauna, Are You the Destroyer?" It's poppy and sublime. Soon, the harpsichord fades, Barnes' falsetto disappears and the listener is left with pure feedback. The drastic stylistic shifts which are so prevalent on "Lamping" seem to be a very guarded response to mainstream success that the band has flirted with lately, having been featured in a series of commercials.

The yo-yo style of the album is certainly not safe, but I wouldn't call it unintended. Many tracks, when placed on the same album, seem schizophrenic. It's fair to say that such a patchwork of styles is to be expected when conveying the cracked multi-dimensional mind of a character such as Georgie.

Shining stars are the tracks "Touched Something Hallow" and the final track "An Elurdian Incident." Both of these tracks have very little in common or with any of the other songs on the album. That, in part, contributes to their appeal. Most tracks share a similar disco-pop construction, though no two tracks are alike. One thing that prevents this album from being a muddled pop disaster is the nature of the concept, just when you think you've heard the song before, a snappy line is squealed and you are drawn back in.

It's fair to call this album a "thinking piece." One moment you feel you have a grasp of the intent or meaning of a song, but innuendos collide with brashness, only to leave you with an odd sense of ambiguity on a not so ambiguous album. To get distracted by the lyrics is missing the point; listen to the "story," and relax — it's not "gay" to like this album.



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6. KEITH CORNELLA AND BROKEN CITY "Arms Are Falling"
7. TRY ME BICYCLE "Voicings"
8. SERIAL THRILLERS "Serial Thrillers"
9. WAR TAPES "War Tapes"
10. BLOC PARTY "Intimacy"




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| 2. Zack and Miri Make a Porno | \$10.1M |
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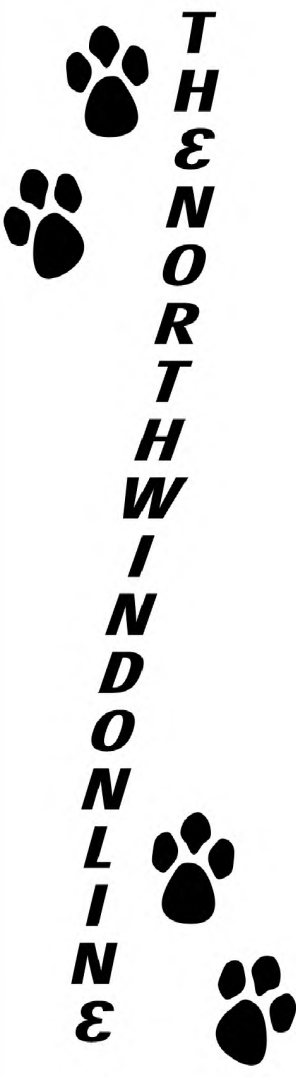
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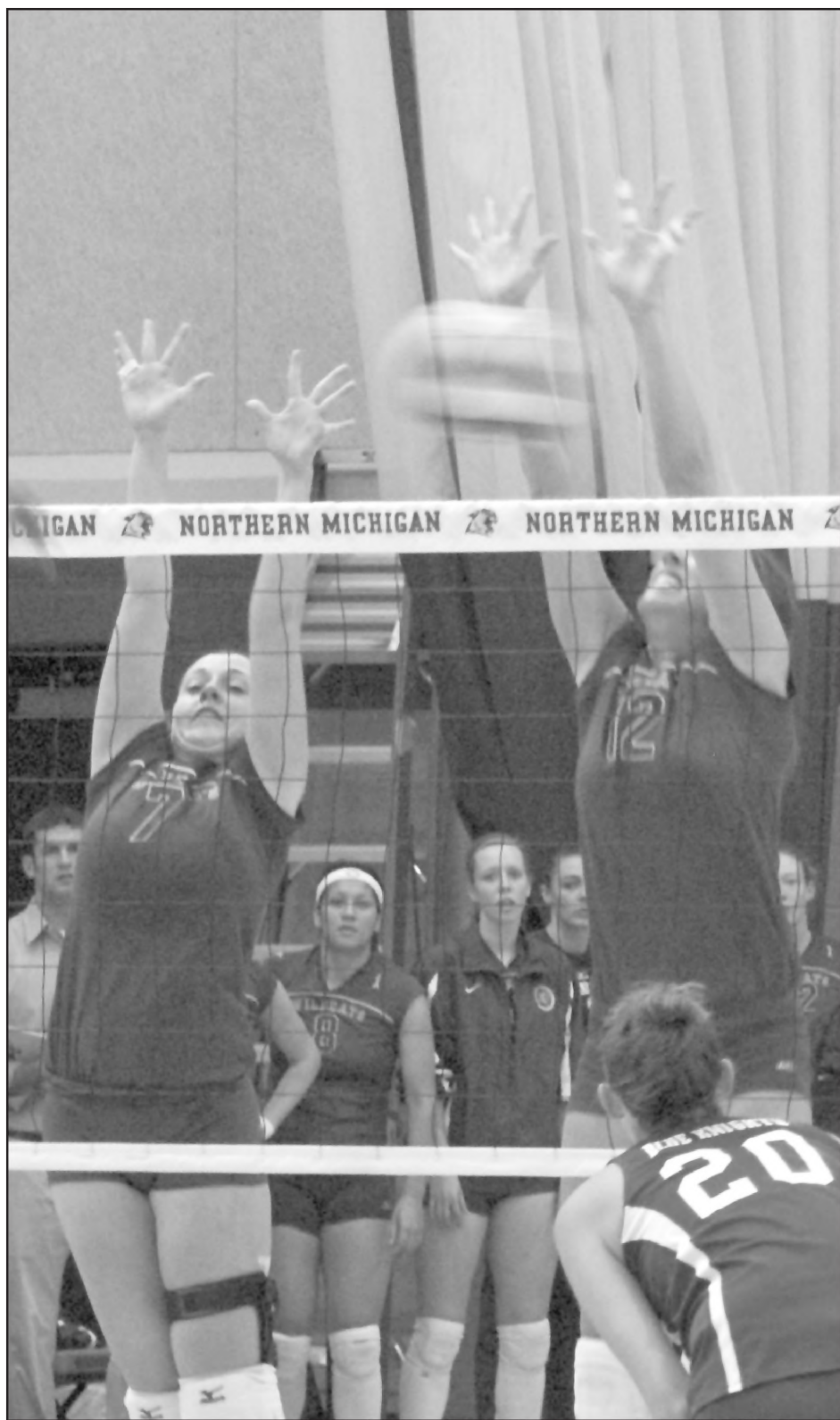
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Junior setter Rachel Green, (7) had 92 sets in the two matches this past weekend. Senior middle hitter, Caryn VanBeckum (12) had 20 kills to add to the victories.

Trying to destroy GVSU's battleship

By Gordon Beedle

assistant sports editor

Last season, the NMU volleyball team snapped GVSU's 19-game win streak in five sets. This season, the Lakers come in with a 14-game win streak and a No. 4 ranking in the nation.

NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the Lakers (25-2, 14-0 GLIAC) are a good team, but they aren't unbeatable.

"We know we can beat them," Yoder said. "So I don't think that No. 4 ranking is that big of a deal."

NMU goes into this weekend at 10-4 overall and 8-2 in the GLIAC North, and while this is a good ranking to be at during the latter part of the season, Yoder still wants to improve.

"We should be in the top 10 (of the nation)," he said. "This team knows, in their hearts, that we're a better team than what our record is demonstrating right now."

The next opportunity the 'Cats have to improve their ranking is in two pivotal games this weekend, Friday against Ferris State and Saturday against Grand Valley. Two wins in these matches could secure a home court advantage for the opening round of conference play next week.

In the case of a split, NMU would have to rely on a Ferris State loss to Michigan Tech on Saturday to get a first round game at Vandament.

"The first match against Ferris is important because it is our first step," Yoder said. "We're in control of our destiny. We win both and we host (a GLIAC tournament match). We don't want to count on anyone else beating anybody else."

The Wildcats are coming off two victories last weekend against Michigan Tech (3-1) and Urbana (3-0).

Against the Huskies, NMU had two

players with career high stats. Junior Rachel Green earned 53 assists and sophomore outside hitter Daniela Bezerra had 21 kills.

Bezerra dropped all of her kills against the No.1 blocking team in the nation, Michigan Tech.

Green played in her fourth game this season after having a knee injury and a concussion. While Green was sidelined, freshman Madeline Ogden stepped in her place and became the No. 1 setter in the GLIAC, averaging 10.53 a game.

Even though both Green and Ogden are battling for a starting position, the two are working together rather than competing against one another, to better the team.

"I believe they both understand that the obvious goal is for our team to be successful," Yoder said. "And I think Rachel offers us a little different dynamic when it comes to experience in setting."

The relationship between the two may have been a little rocky when they were trying to earn the starting spot, but now they realize they're each an asset to the team.

"We were a little rough in the beginning of the season, when we were fighting for spots," Green said. "But now I think we're learning from each other pretty well."

Yoder said the decision to go with Green on Friday was based not only on her being back at 100 percent, but her performance in practice.

He added the team is playing and practicing at its best, and it couldn't come at a better time.

"We need to prove we are better, and we prove it by beating the No. 4 team in the nation," he said.

To be successful against the Lakers, the Wildcats are going to have to play better than they did against GVSU earlier this

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'Cats fall in GLIAC's opening round

By Brice Burge

staff writer

The Northern Michigan University soccer team ended their season with a 2-0 loss to the Ferris State University Bulldogs in Big Rapids on Tuesday. The loss ended the Wildcats' postseason run in the GLIAC championships.

After a 0-0 tie in the first half, the Bulldogs scored two goals in the first two minutes of the second half. The first goal came from Maegan Smith as she kicked in a pass past a diving junior goal-keeper Kara Music. The second came just 21 seconds later, as Tammy Unsworth hit the right corner for the final score.

"I thought it was the best we played against them all season," said sophomore forward Kari Buckel, the leading scorer for the 'Cats this season. "We did really well against them besides that minute and

a half that they scored."

Both the Wildcats and the Bulldogs were 7-6-1 in GLIAC play this week. NMU was 0-2 against Ferris in the regular season, losing at Ferris 3-0 and 1-0 in Marquette. Because of the prior losses, NMU was the No. 5 seed and Ferris was seeded No. 4 in the six-team GLIAC Championship Tournament.

In the GLIAC, the top two teams get a bye for the opening round, and the third and fourth teams get home field advantage for the opening round of the tournament.

The loss to FSU also means that NMU will not

make up the ground in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America poll to get to the NCAA regional tournament, missing their preseason goal.

The 'Cats were previously No. 9 with Ferris State No. 10. The top six teams will advance to the next round.

We did really well against them besides that minute and a half that they scored.

— Kari Buckel
sophomore forward



Jeff Kitson/NW

Casey Wilcox (3) above was one of the five seniors who played in their last game for NMU.



Jeff Kitson/NW

NMU junior goaltender Brian Stewart attempts a save last weekend against Notre Dame. Stewart's posted a .901 save percentage this season, with a CCHA-leading 191 saves.

Attempting to save the season

By Curt Kemp

sports editor

The Wildcat hockey team is taking its NCAA-required week off, and with a record of 2-5-1 (1-4-1-0 CCHA) and a five-game winless streak, the break couldn't come at a better time.

"Game after game, if you don't get a win, it gets at you," senior forward Nick Sirota said. "It's like, 'What's the difference? What are we doing wrong here?' Right now, it's definitely time to refocus."

For a team that started the season ranked nationally and was picked to finish fourth and fifth in CCHA preseason polls, the first eight games have been disappointing. But, head coach Walt Kyle said it's not time to push the panic button just yet.

"I told our guys, I'm going to judge you on quality of play and not wins and losses," he said. "If quality of play is good, wins and losses will come."

According to Kyle, NMU's quality of play is getting there, so making drastic changes at this point in the season would be a mistake.

"You've got to try to build your dykes, not just put your fingers in the holes," he said. "It's like a dam that's breaking, and the teams that are putting their fingers in the holes are the ones that have problems."

NMU has played close with Notre Dame, and even closer with Michigan State. Despite not picking up a win in either series, the 'Cats on-ice performance has shown improvement. After last Saturday's 4-2 loss to Notre Dame, Kyle said the 'Cats needed to continue to improve if they want to better their current record.

"We've shown we can beat [the top teams], and that's a step we have to take," he said.

Unlucky breaks against NMU have proved to be big factors this season. Against Michigan State, a power-play goal off a Spartan skate proved the difference maker; and last weekend against Notre Dame, the puck skidded off an Irish skater for a goal. But puck luck isn't the entire story.

"You've got to work for your breaks, too," Sirota said. "Maybe what we're doing, we're not getting those breaks for a certain reason, and we need to find that reason. Each team has those four different chances that might or might not go in. We have to find whatever reason it is, for us to come out on the plus side of that."

Last season, the Wildcats were in much the same position, with a record of 1-7-0. Last year's team then went on to finish strong, defeating Notre Dame in the CCHA Championship third-place game.

Returning assistant captain and junior defenseman TJ Miller said it's not an impossible task to come back and compete, both in the conference and nationally.

"I think we know what it takes to get through this tough stretch," Miller said. "We've gone through Michigan, we've gone through Notre Dame and (Michigan) State, so we know that we are going to come into games where we should win from now on — same as last year. Then again, going through this, we know we can't let any more games slip away. I think we're past that point now."

Sirota added that, this early in the season, the 'Cats weren't out of contention for the CCHA or the NCAA tournament.

"I definitely don't think that we're the type of team that's going to give up or think that we're out of any kind of spot in the standings," he said. "But once again, we're going to have to climb out of a deep hole, and week by week, we're going to have to put some sturdy soil underneath us to climb out of that hole."

Statistical anomalies

For the Wildcats to turn things around, they're going to have to pick up the special teams play, cut down on the penalties and increase the overall scoring — all statistical categories the 'Cats are struggling in.

The team is 1-for-34 on power play opportunities, second worst in the conference. Only Alaska-Anchorage has less goals with the extra attacker (zero). According to Sirota, the power play team has been consistently changing since the beginning of the year, in an attempt to find a bit of chemistry.

"We've been changing it every week, and I don't think we can find anything we want to stick with," he said. "Maybe we'll go back to something we did before (against Bowling Green), or try something new again."

Sirota, added that special teams was one of the most important aspects to the team that needed work.

"Special teams is a key to pretty much every game we've played," he said. "If we can figure that out, I think we'll be in a pretty good spot."

The NMU penalty kill team, which had let up no power play goals going into Michigan State two weekends ago, has now let six power play goals go past Stewart. Miller, a defenseman who plays on the penalty kill, said during the week off, the Wildcats will be thinking about how to improve that part of the special teams play.

"It's definitely something we have in the back of our heads,"

he said. "Obviously, the last few games have been tough for us, giving up a lot of goals and not being able to produce on the power play."

Northern's penalty minutes rank near the bottom of the conference, as well, with 14.2 minutes per game — good for third to last.

"We just need to be a more disciplined team," assistant captain Billy Smith said. "And we need to start playing together more."

One thing's for sure: you can't win without scoring goals.

While Michigan State is last in the conference in scoring offense (1.88 goals per game), the Wildcats are close behind. According to the 'Cats head coach, averaging just two goals offensively has made junior goaltender Brian Stewart's role in net a much more difficult one.

"I think Stewart's been fine for us," Kyle said. "It's the goal support around him that needs to change. One night we scored five goals (against Michigan Tech), the rest of the year, we scored three goals once, and never scored more than two."

Miller said the lack of scoring might have something to do with some frustration.

"We've got to put pucks in the net. It's something that's been a little hard for us to do right now," Miller said. "Our top guys from last year aren't really producing too much right now. I think they're getting a little too tight of a grip on

their sticks when they see the net because they're getting frustrated.

"But, you kind of go through that every year," he added. "So, I guess it's kind of a good thing that we're going through it now and hopefully, we can get guys scoring and getting a little more confidence and build from there."

Expectation and anticipation

Coming in to the season, players on Northern's team expected to be in a much better position than they currently are. Stewart, who has faced more shots thus far (191) than any goaltender in the conference, said he expected the outcome of the first eight games to be the opposite from the previous season.

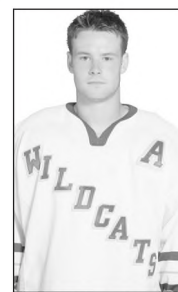
"The whole time, before this season, we talked about how we would come off to a really good start and surprise a lot of people," Stewart said. "But now, when we're 2-5-1, we're kind of down."

Even the opposition expected more from NMU. Notre Dame head coach Jeff Jackson said, after Saturday night's game, that he didn't expect to be leaving Marquette with two wins.

"I'm pleasantly pleased [with the two wins]. Surprised, a bit, because I know how good of a team Northern is," Jackson said. "And I know how good of a team they'll be next time we see them in our building in January. What we saw in the third period is kind of what we anticipated, and we saw spurts of that."

The next game for the Wildcats is two weekends from now, when they travel to Bowling Green. Stewart said NMU will have to play like they have nothing to lose to pick up the win.

"I think we'll be going into Bowling Green with high expectations, and we're going to play like that," Stewart said. "We need to play like that, with a full 60 minutes of desperation."



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Additional Information: 5 best sports comebacks



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Last weekend, it seemed like every college football game was decided in dramatic fashion. From Notre Dame losing in four overtimes to Texas Tech's miracle touchdown, the day was full of big finishes. What are the top five sports finishes of all time? Funny you should ask.

5) Super Bowl XXXIV

Growing up as an NFL fan in the 1990s, you could always count on the Rams and the Oilers being terrible. A funny thing happened at the end of the decade however, and the Rams and Titans (formerly the Oilers) both got really, really good. We're talking Super Bowl good. And their Super Bowl XXXIV game came down to the final play. Needing a touchdown from ten yards out, Titan's wide receiver Kevin Dyson caught a short pass from quarterback Steve McNair, but Rams' linebacker Mike Jones made a great open field tackle, and Dyson's outstretched arm came up inches short of the goal line. The Rams won their first Super Bowl and the Titans were left to regret not making a midseason offer to Mr. Fantastic.

4) Hail Flutie

The 1984 showdown between Boston College and Miami featured plenty of large players, but 5'9" Doug Flutie

proved to be the game's biggest star. Boston College found themselves down 41-45 with time for just one more play. A Hail Mary was the only option, and the Eagles had to rely on their quarterback to throw the ball some 65 yards into a fierce wind. Flutie put every inch of his 3'6" frame into the throw and BC wide receiver Gerard Phalen came up with the game-winning catch. Fourteen years later, the thimble-sized Heisman-winner went on to impress youngsters everywhere with his delicious Flutie Flakes cereal.

3) NC State shocks Houston

The 1983 NCAA Basketball Championship was a perfect storm of memorability. No. 1 Houston was about as good as a team without Teen Wolf can be, while NC State was a rag-tag six-seed so lovable that they

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might as well have had a golden retriever starting at small forward. With time running out, NC State's Dereck Whitteberg launched a desperate heave towards the basket that came up short, but Lorenzo Charles caught the airball and dunked it as time expired. The ecstatic celebration that followed remains one of sports' most timeless moments.

Jimmy Valvano's up in heaven still looking for somebody to hug.

2) Bulls on parade

In 1998, it was the Utah Jazz's turn to play the sacrificial lamb to Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls in the NBA

Finals. Down by one point in Game Six, Jordan stole the ball from Karl Malone, crossed over, didn't push Bryon Russell and nailed a picturesque jumper for the win. Jordan announced his retirement shortly thereafter, which made the finish even more special.

Unfortunately, Jordan would later unretire and stumble around the court for a couple seasons with the Washington Wizards, which was like watching Abe Lincoln come back to life for a cameo in "Epic Movie."

1) Cal-Lateral damage

When not appearing near the top of every list of the country's best colleges, Cal and Stanford have been known to play a football game or two. "The Big Game" dates back to 1892, but the two schools could play another 116 years without

matching the excitement of the 1982 installment. Stanford quarterback John Elway's team led 20-19 and only needed a tackle on the kickoff to seal the win. About that... Cal kept the return alive with a series of five laterals, and before long, Cal's Kevin Moen was racing to the end zone with no one to stop him — except the Stanford band, who had prematurely stormed the field. The decision proved to be worse than casting Randy Savage as Hamlet when Moen plowed over an unsuspecting trombone player for the unforgettable game-winning score. Fans still disagree as to the legality of the laterals, but one thing's for sure: this is the greatest sports finish ever. Well, that and Savage would make a much better Laertes.

BRIEFS

Cross Country racing to finish season

The NMU cross country team will travel to Big Rapids, Mich. to take part in Saturday's NCAA Great Lakes Regional race. NMU head coach Jenny Ryan said she hopes for better results than the team's eighth-place finish at the GLIAC meet on Oct. 25. "I just expect that they are going to run one of their best races of the year," Ryan said. "And I think that we will be able to beat a couple of the teams that beat us in the conference final." NMU is sending a younger squad to the race with five underclassmen and two juniors. "I think it will be a good preview for the new freshmen to see what Regionals are like so they're ready to compete in the years ahead at a higher level," she said. NMU would have to finish at least in the top five to continue on to Nationals later this month. If the Wildcats don't finish high enough, it will be the end of their season. Leaving the team after the season's completion are seniors Erin VanEnkevort, Megan Hoklas and Kyle Richards. Ryan said these three seniors, despite not being in the top seven, have been valuable to the team. "What I have to tell them is that, just because these seven are the top seven that are running, doesn't mean you guys didn't help get them up there to that level. That is what it takes to have a good program," she said. The senior leadership will be missed the most, Ryan added. "They have helped transition the team the past couple of years into this new group," she said. "They have passed on everything they learned. So they've been great role models." The Regional race will start at noon on Saturday and will host 22 teams from the GLIAC and GLVC.

— Gordon Beedle

Basketball Wildcats beaten by one of their own

The NMU men's basketball team played its one and only exhibition game of the season last night against the Michigan State Spartans. The Spartans defeated the 'Cats with ease 118-57. Tom Izzo, head coach of the Spartans and Northern Michigan alumnus, said in a press conference prior to the game that his team was not going into this match with the same mindset as last year, when the Spartans suffered a preseason loss to Grand Valley State. "We haven't played very well in our exhibition games the past couple of years," he said. "We are trying to approach this on a little better level since we did so poor in past." And the Spartans did just as their coach wanted forcing the 'Cats in to 30 turnovers and 29 fouls. The fouls and turnovers were not the only problems for the Wildcats as NMU head coach Dean Ellis was ejected from the game for arguing a charging call in the first half. Leading in scoring for the green and white was sophomore guard Durrell Summers with 30 points and junior Raymar Morgan with 19. For the 'Cats, two new faces picked up the most points. Junior Marc Renelique dropped 24 while redshirt freshman Raymont McElroy had 18. McElroy, along with Jared Benson and Eric Hawley are returning from redshirt seasons last year and Chris Warner was out with a medical redshirt. In his press conference, Izzo mentioned the newcomers on Northern's squad, too. "It's never fun to play a team that you don't know much about," he said. "[Ellis] thinks he has one of the better shooting games than in the past, because some of these guys have played full college seasons." The Spartans came into the game ranked No. 6 in the NCAA preseason coaches' poll. They also come off a sweet 16 performance in the NCAA tournament. NMU is ranked sixth in the GLIAC North media poll. This was the fifth time the two teams have meet since 2000 and MSU has won all of those matches.

— Gordon Beedle

Hockey team 'assists' the local community

Northern Michigan University, Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA), FSN, Reebok, the Detroit Red Wings, TimHorton's and Perani's Hockey World are hosting "Have Fun, Play Hockey," a clinic at the Berry Events Center. The free clinic, open to boys and girls ages 5-11, who have not played organized hockey, is set for Thursday, Dec. 11 from 5:45-6:45 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The clinic is limited to the first 50 participants who sign up. All equipment, including skates and a stick, will be provided to participants, who must pre-register for the clinic. Members of the NMU hockey team will assist with the clinic to mentor players on and off the ice. "We are really excited to once again offer the opportunity for boys and girls to experience the fun of hockey for the first time by taking part in a 'Have Fun, Play Hockey' clinics," said CCHA Commissioner Tom Anastos. "Over the first three years of this program, more than 1,500 kids have had a chance to experience the fun of hockey for the very first time and we take great pride in our role facilitating that experience for them. To enter for a chance to be selected for the clinic, fill out a registration form on-line at <http://ccha.cstv.com/sports/m-hockey/spec-rel/hockey-is-fun-form-08-09.html> or <http://webb.nmu.edu/SportsAthletics/Sports/MensHockey/Home.shtml>. All forms are due by Dec. 5.

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game.

NMU took two sets 3-2 against GVSU earlier this fall. According to Yoder, those past sets are what the 'Cats can build off.

"[GVSU] is confident and they're going to expect to terminate every single ball that we send them," he said. "And we need to be understanding of that and we need to continue to play hard."

The facts that NMU almost beat the Lakers this season and did defeat them last season, will mean hardly anything on Saturday, Yoder added.

"If anything, it gives Grand

Valley a little more fire for this year," he said.

Yoder compared beating the GLIAC's lone undefeated team, GVSU, to chopping down a tree.

He added the Lakers are a tall tree and you're not going to chop them down in just one swing.

"We're looking to knock that zero and turn it into a one," Yoder said. "And they're looking to try and prevent that."

Outside hitter Bezerra said

the 'Cats have all the necessary tools to make the GVSU tree fall.

"I think, now, we have it in our mind that we can beat them at home. So I'm not intimidated by Grand Valley at all," she said. "I don't think they have anything special. I think we're better. We can dig out of balls. We can block and we can hit."

The first match this weekend will take place Friday at 7 p.m. in Vandament against Ferris State, followed by Saturday's 2 p.m. match versus Grand Valley, again in Vandament.

The first round of the conference playoffs is Nov. 12. Possible opponents for the Wildcats are Ferris State, Saginaw Valley, and Michigan Tech.



YODER

Greyhounds: We're on our way

NMU football faces Indianapolis Greyhounds in season finale

By Drew Kochanny
staff sports writer

Looking to end the season on a positive note, the Northern Michigan football team will head to Indiana this weekend to take on the University of Indianapolis.

The Wildcats now stack up at 2-7 on the season, coming off a 45-14 home loss to Grand Valley State on Senior Day. The Greyhounds head into the matchup at 4-6 on the year, also coming off a loss, 44-37 to conference foe Ashland last Saturday.

Head coach Bernie Anderson knows the Wildcats have a difficult path to victory, having not yet won on the road this season.

"It's important (to end strong). We've only got one left and they only have one left, so I'm sure both teams are going to come out and play hard," Anderson said. "We've got to do it on the road, but I think this team is learning how to play hard. And I expect them to play hard."

The Greyhounds feature the second-ranked rush offense in the GLIAC, and are led by senior running back Craig Jenkins. On the season, Jenkins is second in the conference in rushing with 1,140 yards and eight touchdowns.

A key matchup Saturday will

be between Jenkins and junior linebacker Nathan Yelk. Yelk, who despite being hampered by injury this season, ranks fourth in the conference in tackles per game, averaging over 11, with 79 in seven games.

Perhaps the most inspired matchup, will be that of the Indy seniors and Northern seniors, who will all be playing in their final collegiate football game, as playoff berths for both teams are out of reach.

Last week's loss on Senior Day — along with a combined record of 13-36 over four years — wasn't how many of the seniors had envisioned their collegiate football career ending, but many look back without regret.

"I've learned a lot. Obviously, it isn't the career you dream of, going into college football, but I would never not come back here," senior defensive back Alex Grignon said. "I'm proud to be a Northern Michigan Wildcat and always will be."

In his career, Grignon, who has played both linebacker and safety, has accounted for 138 tackles as a four year starter. Grignon is also the only true senior of the class, having never taken a redshirt season.

Senior offensive linemen Kris Krempien doesn't look back with

disappointment either.

"I've learned a lot here, learned a lot about football and about life," Krempien, a four-year-starter at right tackle and two-time all-conference honoree, said. "So if you go by the wins and losses, you could say so, but there's a lot more to football than just that."

A high point Saturday came from senior quarterback Vincent Church, who received his first playing time as a Wildcat, late in the fourth quarter against Grand Valley. Church connected with redshirt freshman receiver Kyle Senn for a 33-yard touchdown on his second — and possibly last — pass as a Wildcat.

"I didn't think twice about, 'What if I screw up.' I just went out there and ran some plays," Church said. "Obviously I know the offense, so it wasn't anything new. It was exciting, though."

Other Wildcat seniors include wide receiver Fred Wells, fullback Bubba Harris, wide receiver Dan Elmore, defensive back Cody Wheeler, defensive lineman Tim Larson, offensive lineman Cody Hanson, defensive lineman Nicholas Behling and offensive lineman Luke Domitrovich.

Game time with the Greyhounds is set for 2:30 p.m. in Indianapolis, Ind.



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NMU quarterback Carter Kopach attempts to recover a fumble.

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'Cats getting off starting blocks

By Trevor Pellerite
staff writer

In famous rivalries, the Red Sox have the Yankees and NMU's hockey team has Michigan Tech.

On Nov. 8, the NMU varsity swimming and diving team will get its first chance against its own rival of sorts, as the coming weekend marks the return of a figure formerly prominent in Northern Michigan athletics. Previous head coach Jon Wilson will escort his squad from UW-Oshkosh to the PEIF.

This year's Wildcat team is looking forward to the friendly rivalry.

"I don't think it's awkward," said senior team captain Emily Olson. "This year we're kind of over [him leaving]. We're excited to crush Jon."

Northern head coach Bob Laughna is also excited for the meet, believing that it will be extremely close. While Wilson has key breast stroke specialists, Laughna said NMU's team will have an advantage in the distance events.

For the meet with UW-Oshkosh, the swim team will be looking to continue to improve.

Last weekend at Carthage College, the Wildcats earned third place out of four teams. They finished just 30 points away from second-place Lewis University.

Overall, Laughna was very pleased with the performances his athletes turned in.

"Everybody dropped their times a lot," he said. "They were happy, too."

Laughna said he was especially pleased with the performances of distance swimmers freshman Elyse Sawka and junior Sarah Cempel. Sawka finished fourth in

the 1000-yard freestyle, with a time of 11:37.22, nearly 13 seconds faster than her previous race at that distance.

Cempel swam the 500-yard freestyle in 5:38.37, which was good enough for fourth place. Despite her solid placing, Cempel said she wasn't satisfied, as her time was several seconds off of her personal best.

Although she said she's not yet in competition shape but still remaining optimistic.

"I knew I wasn't going to (be where I used to be) at the start of the season," Cempel said. "But I know I will be."

Newcomer Ashley Oliver also made an impact for the team, in both the 100-yard

and 200-yard backstroke. Oliver placed fourth in both events.

Olson placed highest of any Wildcat swimmer, with her second-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly.

However was more focused on the team's performance than her own, and said she is optimistic about where the team is going.

"I think we're progressively getting better," Olson said. "Come December we'll all be ready to go."

According to Laughna, the team's biggest weakness is its lack of relays right now, and he's hopeful that the spots will gradually be filled.

The least concern for the team is a strong breast-stroke specialist, a role Laughna expects to be filled by Sawka, and freshmen Catherine Sromek, Stephanie Rogaczewski, along with junior Hannah Bolger.

Carthage College recently built a new swimming facility, but no diving boards were installed. As a result, no diving events took place at the meet.

With the halfway point of the season nearing, Laughna plans to add time and distance to the team's practices, hopefully lowering its times and improving consistency.

The UW-Oshkosh meet is on Nov. 8 at the PEIF pool. Events begin at noon.



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NMU senior Emily Olson led the team at the last meet, with a fourth-place finish. She is also the captain of this year's squad.

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

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

Event: First Aid Productions will be held from 7-8 p.m. in the Nicolet Room of the University Center.

Event: Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 7-10:30 p.m. in the Brule 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: Promoters for Non-Violent Peace Resolution will be held from 7:45-9 p.m. in Pioneer A Room of the University Center.

Film: "Hatari" (NR) will play at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

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

Fri., Nov. 7

Skill Builder: "Group Dynamics- this is How We 'Role'" will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

Event: 8th annual First Nations Food Taster will be held from 5-8 p.m. in D.J. Jacobetti Center. Purchase tickets on the NMU campus at 112 Whitman Hall or 3001 Hedgcock.

Event: International/Folk Dancers will meet from 6-7 p.m. in Pioneer A Room of the University Center.

Event: Honors Student Organization Dance will be held from 7-10 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

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

Sat., Nov. 8

Event: Benefit Run for Kaylyn Kutchie hosted by the Student Nurses Association will be held from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the PW Lounge in the University Center.

Event: Falun Dafa Club will meet from 1-3 p.m. in the

Brule Room of the University Center.

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

Film: "Hancock" will play at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

Film: "Sleepy Hollow" will play at 11:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

Sun., Nov. 9

Event: Association of Super Smash Masters will meet from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

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

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

Film: "Hancock" will play at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

Mon., Nov. 10

Event: NMU International Dancers will meet from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Superior 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: ASNMU will meet from 8-11 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Tues., Nov. 11

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: Student Leader Fellowship Program will meet from 8:45-10:15 p.m. in the Charcoal 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. 12

Event: SLFP Benefit will be held from 3-7 p.m. in the Erie Room of the University Center.

Skill Builder: "Islam and the World - Perpetual Confrontation or Enlightened Reconciliation? Part 2" will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Event: Economic Student Association will meet from 6:30-7:40 p.m. in the Marquette 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.

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

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Shout Outs

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Mom and Rob — I'm really looking forward to coming down to visit this weekend. But I'll probably see you before you read this. Lets go shopping. — **Claire**

Stark — I thought of an award for the best wall post ever. Its called a column and I love it when I see them before Wednesday. — **Abent**

Tom Cory — Way to go. — **Abent**

Abent — Listen. Obama is going to be the president. Can we be nice to each other for one day? — **Stark**

Ma & Pa — I voted, and it was awesome. Go Obama. — **Daughter**

Election — You distracted me so much this week and I am behind with my section. But I am not sorry. — **Opinions**

Alyssa — Don't forget to feed all the animals while we're gone this weekend. — **Claire**

Whitney Morgan — I'M SO EXCITED. — **Ex-Roomie**

Waddell — Here it is. Your big shout out. I hope you're happy. — **Shane**

Shane — Call me next time you work. I'll give you updates — **Kyle**

Lynn — And here's yours, too.

Woopideedoo. — **"Fearless Leader"**

Liam — ...and of course I couldn't forget about you this week. It's sad that you're too young to remember the day Obama won the election. But that's OK. You'll live through a lot of other historical moments. — **Shane**

JDS — Your turd story changed my life. — **SSN**

Bill — Ohiooo. — **Josh**

LRK — You're coming drinking with me in a couple of weeks, whether you like it or now. — **JDS**

France — Taco Bell? — **Food buddy**

Roommate — Bo squealed yesterday and it scared me. I forget on a daily basis that she has returned. — **Other Roommate**

News — Chair. — **ME**

Superfan — Your guilt trips are very effective. Oh, and happy birthday! — **Unsuperfan**

Rebekah — You better kick ass at that scholarship competition. I need a reason to keep coming back to Marquette. — **Carson**

Obama — Can we have puppies too?. — **Abent and Stark**

Claire Bear — You're a hard working woman, I appreciate that. Sorry I still make more than you though. You should at least make the same. — **Boo**

Stark — Really, stop making fun of my name. It does make sense. But really, its about time you stopped making fun of it. It's getting a little bit old. — **Abent**

TV — You are 72 channels of nothing on. — **I have no remote**

Weather — What's going on. I thought it was November. — **Confused**

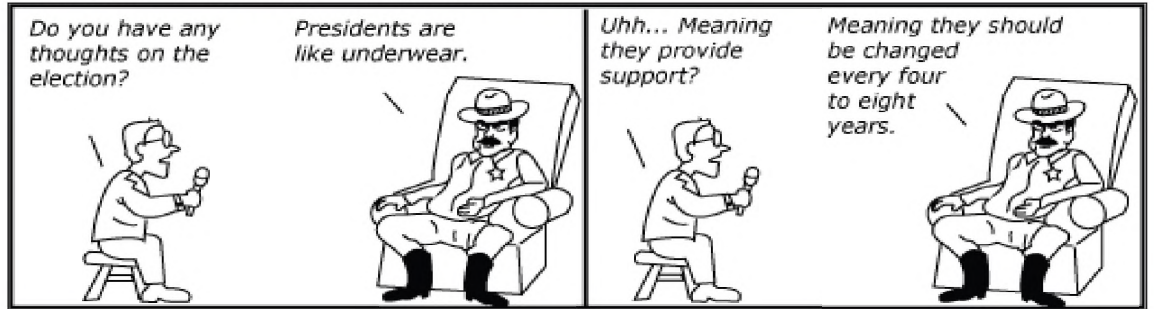
Curt — Breaks my heart when you don't do any shout-outs. — **Claire**

Alli — We're all upset that you left the office with your big bag of candy. But thanks for bringing it anyway. — **Office**

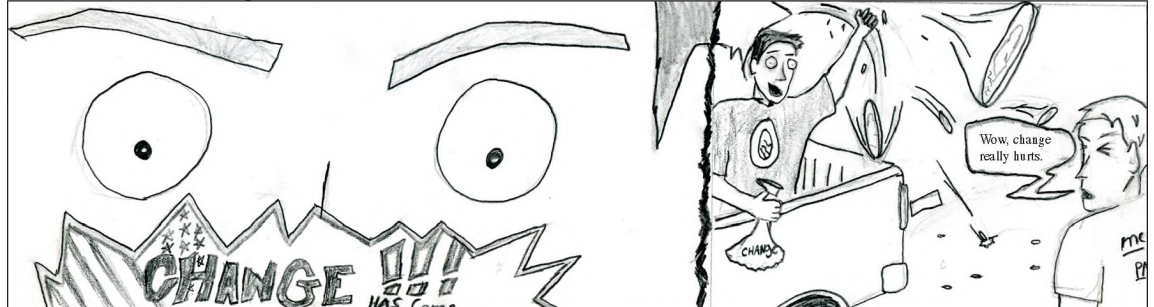
Abent — That wasn't hostile. And besides, look who's filling up the last shout out space. It's me, you're faithful shout out writer, and what do I get? Anger. It's sad. — **Stark McWhiney Pants**

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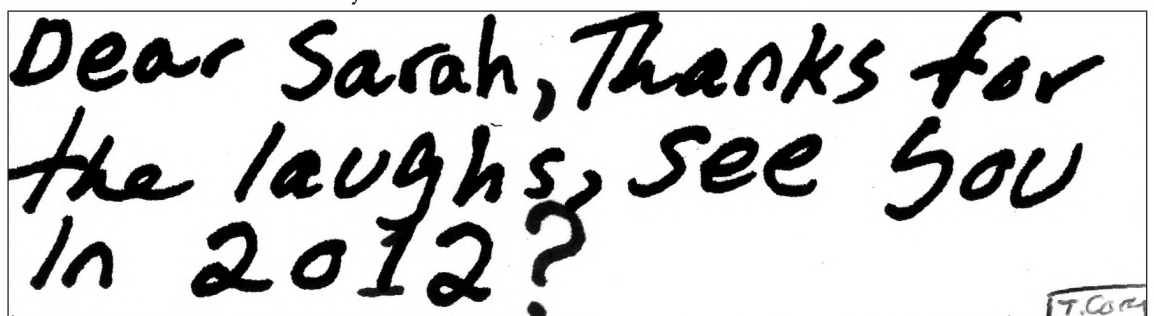
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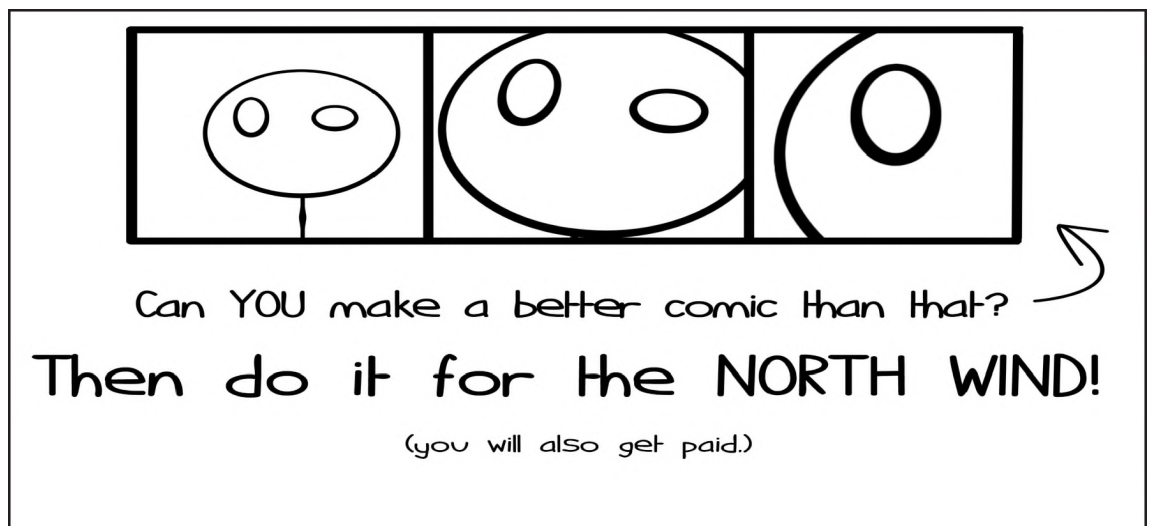
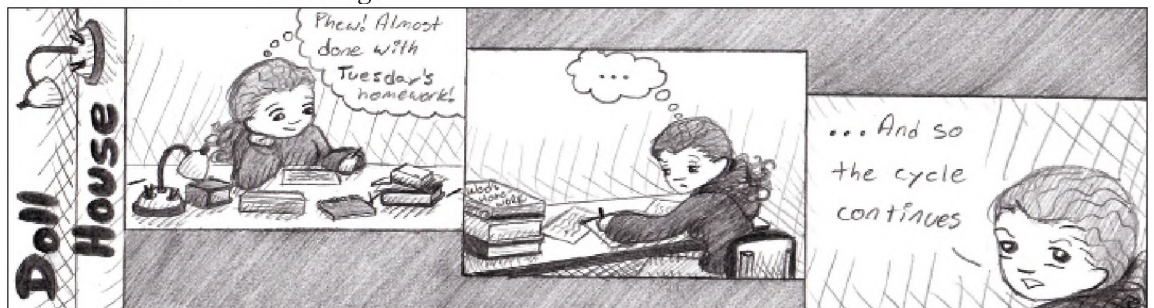
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