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Graphic courtesy of Brandon Sager

Above is an artist's rendering of the remodeled entryway of Cohodas. The lobby will feature tiered ceilings, aesthetically pleasing walls, oak trim and an entrance for the Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center.

Cohodas to undergo renovations in 2009

By Brice Burge
staff writer

The lobby of Cohodas will be getting a facelift next semester.

The renovation will include tiered ceiling styles, new lighting fixtures and new building entrance doors.

Some changes will be easier to make as NMU plans to lay carpeting over the current tile floor, install dry-wall and install an oak chair-rail trim to the brick walls. An LCD screen may also be added to display announcements.

"We're trying to make the atmosphere more inviting," Brandon Sager, the owners' representative and sustainability coordinator at NMU said. He is also the project manager for this renovation.

Currently, the Cohodas lobby has stone walls all the way from its dark colored flooring to the ceiling tiles. One corner holds a bust of former NMU President Sam Cohodas, the building's namesake.

In the opposite corner, grey elevators carry students and staff members up and down the six-story building.

"It's a pretty simple project," said Sager. "The only reason why it's so high-profile is the location."

Bids will be put up by local construction companies after

the first of the year, and the construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2009.

Cohodas is home to four different academic departments, as well as the College of Business and Academic Affairs.

It also includes the office for NMU President Les Wong, other administrators, the Alumni Association and the NMU Foundation.

The current lobby does not make a good first impression with our visitors, and the renovation will be a great improvement.

— Dan Truckey
director/curator, Beaumier Heritage Center

The building is also commonly visited by donors, alumni and tours of prospective students.

Now, Cohodas is seeing more community members visiting its newest addition, the Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center, which is located on the ground floor of the building.

"With the addition of the newly renovated lobby and the Center's new gallery, we will have a first-rate welcome center for visitors to campus," said Center Director and Curator Dan Truckey. "The current lobby does not make a good first impression with our visitors, and the renovation will be a great improvement."

The new ceiling design and lighting fixtures will now match the interior of the Center. The Center, which came to Cohodas

less than two years ago from the Superior Dome, was once a part of a much larger open lobby area with couches and sitting areas.

Now the Center is one of the only points of interest in a dark entryway to the tallest building on campus.

"It's a good idea to make the lobby warm and inviting," said NMU Marketing Director Anne Stark, who works in Cohodas.

"The building has a whole lot more visibility and access with the Center. It's nice to have an attractive home for something that can be used by the whole U.P."

The current renovations will also see more environmentally friendly styles of installations and materials to match the rest of the university renovations.

"We try to focus as much as we can on (good environmental practices)," said Sager. "The materials will be no different than what we did for our LEED certified dorms. Our building and construction specifications are tailored toward the green side of building construction."

This project will not signal the start of the proposed \$18 million renovation to the entire building, however.

NMU did not receive the requested funding from the state for the entire project, but did receive enough to cover the \$150,000 budget for this project.

Medical marijuana policy undetermined

By Carson LeMahieu
news editor

Universities across Michigan may soon face trouble enforcing a newly passed proposal which legalized marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Proposal 1, which passed in Michigan in the Nov. 4 election, legalized the possession of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana with a valid prescription.

Carl Holm, director of Housing and Residence Life, said NMU has not reached a decision on any campus policy towards medical marijuana.

"I haven't given it any thought," he said. "I don't know how often we will deal with this. When I think of people who are (getting medical marijuana), I don't think of college-age students."

NMU Public Safety Sgt. Ken Love said he hasn't been given any information on how medicinal marijuana would be treated on campus.

One possibility that Holm said could be instituted if the issue was raised is to allow students who qualify for medical marijuana to be given an exemption from NMU's mandatory on-campus

housing rule.

The NMU student handbook is vague on the subject of medical marijuana.

The section of the handbook dealing with drugs reads: "No students shall possess, use, distribute, sell or manufacture illegal drugs, or other controlled substances, in any building or on any property owned or controlled by the University, except as permitted by law."

It is unclear whether medical marijuana would fall under this definition because, while legalized by the state of Michigan, marijuana remains a controlled substance by federal standards.

Other campuses across the country have come to widely varying conclusions on the legality of medicinal marijuana on campus.

Last year, a Colorado State student who was caught possessing a small amount of medical marijuana had university sanctions against him dropped after hiring a lawyer to defend himself. The student initially faced suspension from the school and mandatory drug rehab classes.

The University of California-

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Market guru shares secrets to his success

By Jackie Stark
managing editor

For Tom Baldwin, a man who once traded \$6 billion in one day, trading is more than just a job; it's a way of life.

"You could call it an addiction," he said to a full-house in Jamrich 101 on Wednesday night.

Throughout the evening, Baldwin spoke about various aspects of trading, including his start as a trader and the traits needed to become successful in the field.

Although he volunteered his time, Baldwin's speech was orchestrated by the Student Managed Investment Fund.

After earning his MBA, Baldwin began his working life as a produce manager in a meatpacking company.

He'd saved \$20,000 in the two years he worked for the meatpacking company, and in March of '82, he began working in Chicago as a floor trader.

"When I got into trading, the whole world changed," he said. "It's an emotional experience. The fear you go through protects you. I just got good at knowing myself."

While Baldwin gave a short history of his first few years trading, he spent a majority of the speech discussing the emotional angle of his work, and how that emotion can affect the outcome of any trade.

"This business is hard on you emotionally," he said. "What I've said is trading 101. The next step is being in it, the day-in, day-out torture. In baseball, you hit a .300, that's great, but in this business, you lose. You have to be Babe Ruth."

"You have to learn emotional strategies of — let go of it," he added. "Tomorrow is another day."

Baldwin spoke about having a limit to how much money a

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BRIEFS

'Gay Bar' event to answer legal questions

The Multicultural Education and Resource Center (MERC) paired with ALLIES is hosting the speech, "Talking About The Other Gay Bar" by Paul Strugal. ALLIES is the gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and questioning (GLBTQ) support group on campus for faculty and staff. Strugal, an attorney from Wisconsin, specializes primarily in law for senior citizens, but also helps many people with GLBTQ issues. His speech will cover how two gay people can protect themselves under a will, what retirement will mean for one's partner and how to provide health benefits for the other person. He will speak about issues that many gay people face as they are trying to make a life for themselves, though they cannot be married. The event is open for anyone who is interested: faculty, staff and even students who may not be thinking about these issues right now. "What you find out today might not help you today, but it could be helpful for someone who could benefit from this in the future," said Shirley Brazzo, assistant director at MERC. The event will be held in 2303 Hedgecock on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. for free.

— Lucy Hough

New educational program unveiled

NMU is collaborating with Central Michigan University on a program that will allow students to seamlessly transition from the specialist in education degree (Ed.S.) to the doctorate in educational leadership (Ed.D.). Thirty-one students are enrolled this fall in the first classes for the Ed.S., which NMU is responsible for programming and awarding. CMU will deliver the Ed.D. content and confer that degree. "This is the first such partnership I'm aware of and it will serve as a model for collaboration in the state," said Rodney Clarken, associate dean of the NMU School of Education. "Two universities that might be considered competitors are instead working together on being good stewards of state, university and student resources while developing quality school leaders." The three faculty members involved in delivering Northern's portion of the program are Derek Anderson, Dennis Stanek and June Schaefer. Anderson enrolled in CMU's doctoral program at a satellite location in Escanaba and graduated in 2006. "At first I thought NMU should consider offering its own doctorate to take advantage of its status in the Upper Peninsula in terms of respect for its education programs and loyalty to the university," said Anderson. "But it wasn't practical with the population base to sustain that, so we developed something that would be a win-win for both institutions. As we establish a rotation, maybe we'll offer this every four or five years so people can plan ahead." Anderson said Northern's Ed.S. program had struggled, but making it part of a strategic segue to Central's doctorate has increased its value and enrollment. Central benefits, he added, because students who complete up to 24 credits at NMU are obviously committed to an education beyond the master's level, so it increases the likelihood they will complete their Ed.D. degree.

— NMU News Bureau



David Miller/NW

PLAYING IT UP Panowski Award-winning playwright Neil McGowan accepts a royalty check for his play, "Tracks in the Snow." The Forest Roberts Theatre is hosting the play Nov. 12-15. Nightly performances begin at 7:30 p.m. There will also be a matinee showing at 1 p.m. on Nov. 15

Teams to compete in 'Battle of Brains'

Five teams of students from NMU will compete in the Battle of the Brains regional competition beginning Nov. 15.

The competition, which is sponsored by IBM, features teams of three college students competing in tasks which require both programming and critical thinking skills.

The teams are given a series of challenges to work through. A judge decides when a team has successfully completed a challenge. The teams' scores are based on the numbers of problems

they solve in a given time.

"The purpose is to have students encounter problems here that they will be encountering with their customers in the world after graduation," said Mark Guan, a representative for IBM.

This is the 32nd year of the competition and Guan said it has evolved from the beginnings.

"The competition has evolved a lot. Ten, 20 years ago computer technology wasn't what it is today," he said. "We have third generation Internet users now."

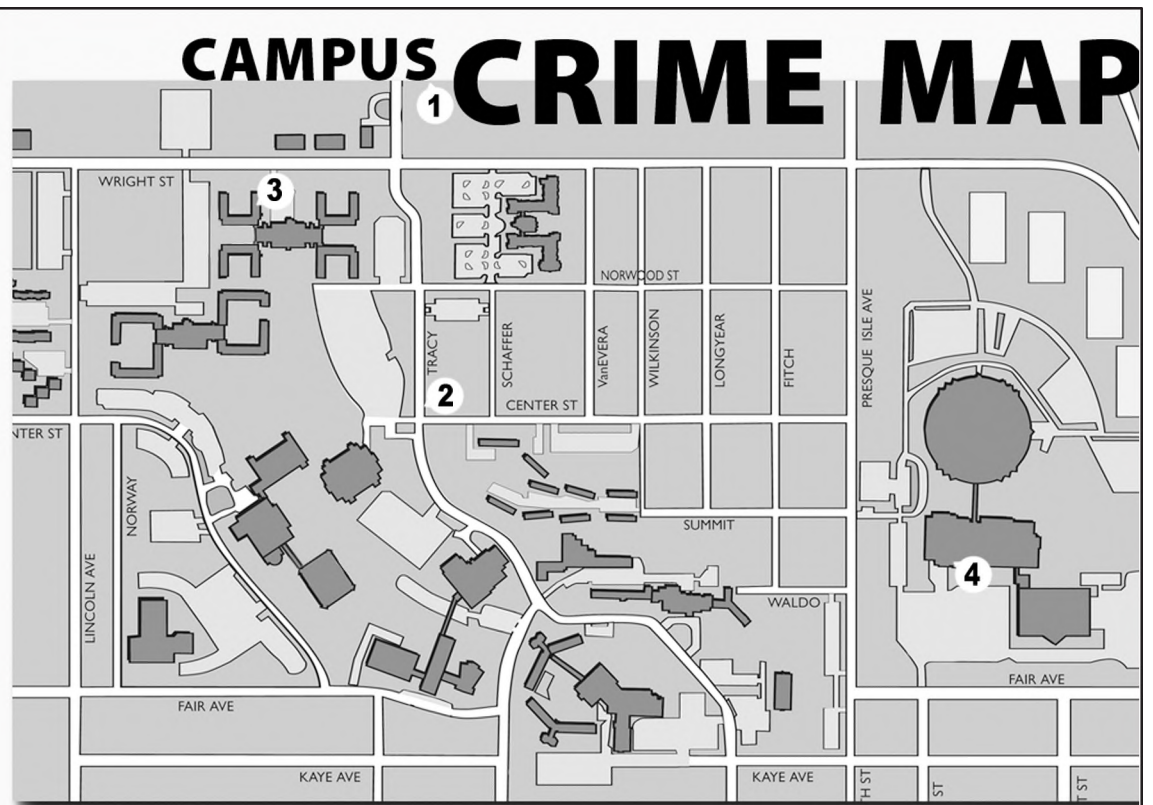
The top 100 teams from all

regional competitions will move onto the April finals which are being held in Stockholm, Sweden. Guan stressed the networking opportunity the contest offers.

"This is a great opportunity for people to network not only with people from across the United States, but with people from across the world," he said.

The teams from Northern are being coached by Andrew Poe, a computer science and mathematics professor.

— Carson LeMahieu



Map Key:

1. A parking permit was stolen out of a vehicle in Lot 6 sometime between Nov. 3 and 4. The car may have been unlocked. The case is still open.
2. An individual was caught drunk driving on Tracy Avenue on Nov. 8 at 2:30 a.m. The case was closed with an arrest.
3. Verbal threats were made to a victim through a third party in Hunt Hall on Nov. 8 at 3 p.m. The case is still open.
4. A digital camera was stolen sometime between Nov. 9 and 10 from the hockey locker room in the Berry Event Center. The case is still open.

Corrections

Last week's brief titled, "Business expert to speak Tuesday" should have been titled "Business expert to speak Wednesday." It also should have said that Tom Baldwin trades up to \$6 billion a day.

The cutline on pg. 3 should have read, "DeVos Curator Melissa Matusak (right) and Susan Saarinen (left) sit in two Tulip Chairs."

The cutline to the photo on pg. 21 of last week's North Wind should have read, "NMU senior Emily Olson led the team at the last meet, with a second-place finish. She is also captain of this year's squad."

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Bakersfield, on the other hand, has decided that state medical marijuana rules do not apply to universities. The argument is that the universities receive federal funding and are therefore subject to federal laws regarding the legality of medical marijuana.

Dan Bernath, assistant director of communications for the Marijuana Policy Project, called such allegations nonsense.

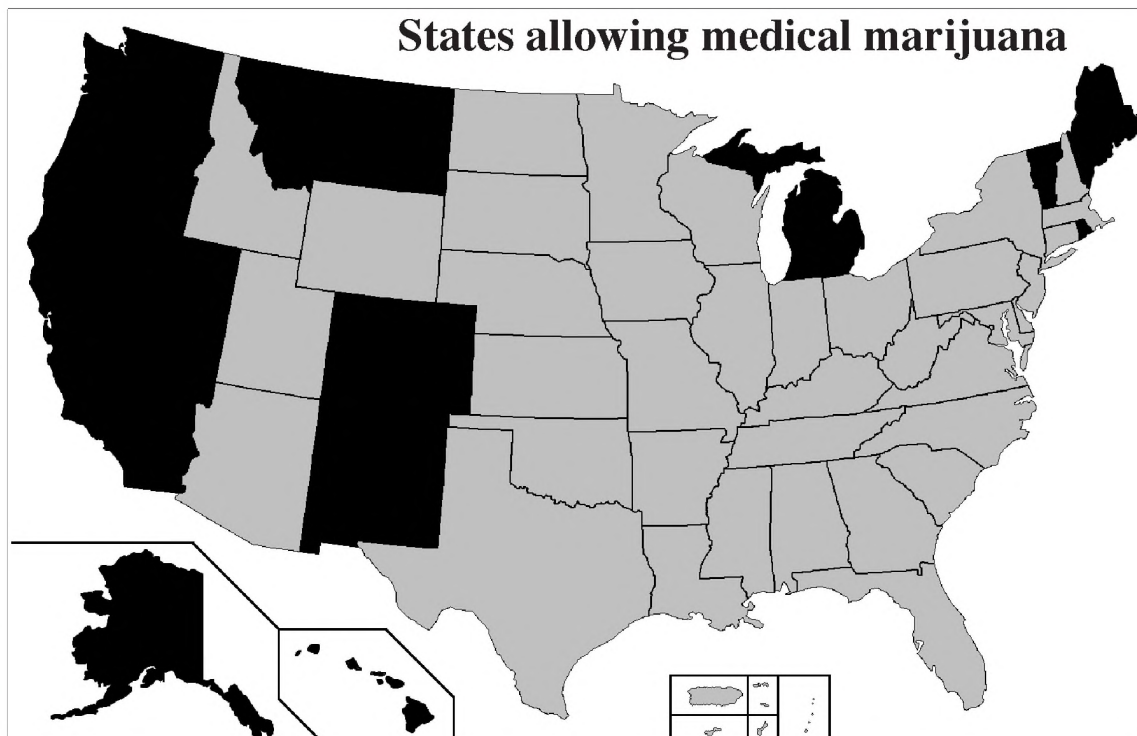
"Michigan law protects anyone who is on the registry with a valid medical reason to be using marijuana," he said. "It doesn't list any specifications about use on a college campus, and it should be enforced as such."

The Marijuana Policy Project is a national organization which aims to decriminalize marijuana.

According to the group's Web site, they are especially concerned with allowing patients who have been prescribed medical marijuana to use it without arrest or harassment.

Bernath also said that though school administrators may be apprehensive to make a decision on the subject, he feels the proper solution is obvious.

"There is always some apprehension when a law like this is passed, and it will take time to adjust to the new law," he said. "However, the people of Michigan have spoken overwhelmingly, and (legalization of medical marijuana) is what they want."



States allowing medical marijuana

BALDWIN

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trader is willing to lose, and that while it is important to be emotionally ready to lose that money, understanding the timing of the market is essential as well.

"There's a lot of randomness (in the market)," he said. "That randomness can force you out of a trade that could be right. It's all about timing."

And though Baldwin is known as one of the best in the trading world, he's still susceptible to mistakes.

"I (once) lost \$5 million in 15 minutes," he said. "And you're standing there, and you feel the blood go from your head to your feet... you learn to be humble."

After being in the business of trading for 25 years, Baldwin said he has seen a lot of changes, from

hand gestures in the trading pit to electronic trading.

He also said that young people looking to get into his field have a big advantage.

"When I was in college, I had a typewriter," he said.

Baldwin added that most young people are already computer savvy, and in a world of electronic trading, that gives them an edge.

However, he warned against anyone who was looking into trading as something less than a full-time job, saying it takes a lot of commitment and dedication to become successful.

"This isn't a pursuit you can do part-time," Baldwin said. "If you make the leap into this world, you'll be competing with me. What makes you think can do it? I live, eat, sleep and dream this. I love it."

Baldwin also spent some time discussing the downturn in the global economy.

He typically trades in treasuries, and said he was surprised to see that prices in that field were rising.

"The prices of treasuries are at record highs," he said. "Despite the fact that we have these bailouts... the world wants to finance it."

He also spoke briefly about the numerous possibilities President-elect Barack Obama has in selecting a new Secretary of the Treasury.

Baldwin said if it was his choice, he'd pick Paul Volcker, an economist who has worked as the chairman of the Federal Reserve under both the Carter and Reagan administrations.

"I don't know if I'd actually do it though," he added.



Eric Hampton/NW

Tom Baldwin speaks to a packed lecture hall in Jamrich, Wednesday night. Baldwin demonstrated trading software to the audience.

Student Finance Committee Meeting

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

Last week, the following budgets were granted:

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

There will not be a meeting this week due to a lack of budgets.

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$46,034.06**

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.

Blacks reflect on Obama's win

By Lucy Hough

assistant news editor

In a nation that was ruled by white men for its first 231 years of existence, the election of a black man, Barack Obama, has people excited about change. The black community, especially, feels the power of his election and what it means for them.

"I am excited, proud, overwhelmed. I feel so good about the outcome that it is often difficult to express this in words. I believe the election of President Obama is indeed a giant step forward in this country," said Markisha Smith, an assistant professor of education at Northern.

Smith, a black woman, said that this change is a long time coming.

"I believe that such individuals as Shirley Chisholm, Jesse Jackson, and Barbara Jordan have tirelessly fought for change for many years. With the election of Obama as president, they are seeing the fruit of their labor, and the harvest is good," she said.

Smith added that Obama's election is making changes for

blacks not just in politics, but also in daily life.

"There are parents in African-American households around the country telling their children, for the first time, maybe, that they can indeed be anything they want to be," Smith said.

Helina Haile, freshman public relations major and member of NMU's Black Student Union, agreed that this election has brought about unexpected change for the black community. She said that she this election has taken great strides that she is proud of.

"Some Americans say we're not ready for a black president, but if we're not ready now, when will we be ready?" Haile asked.

Haile added that when Obama was projected as the winner on election night, she called her mother, who was crying with excitement.

She said that her mother now feels that Haile can do anything she wants — that race will not stand in her way.

Some feel that Obama's election is proof that the majority of Americans are looking beyond race to the issues. They say that

now, no matter what race a person is, if he or she is qualified for a position, they will be elected.

"It expresses a focus not on the man's skin color, but on the man," said Ajani Burrell, assistant English graduate teaching assistant.

Burrell believes that people everywhere are now saying that they can achieve any office they want, not simply because Obama proved that a minority can achieve such a high position, but because he showed that anyone can make it if they have the means to do it and beliefs consistent with those of the American people.

"(This election) restores my faith in the American people," he said. "Not just for the fact that the majority have voted for the non-traditional choice, but because they made the best choice."

Burrell said this election is just the beginning in altering the norm and Americans shouldn't stop thinking about change now.

"We need to be aware that this isn't a time to stop growing and stop moving forward. This is merely a step forward to a fully equal society," Burrell said.

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Kabuki expert to speak on cross-gender acting in Japan

By John Becker
contributing writer

On Tuesday, Nov. 18, NMU will host a guest speaker from the University of Minnesota to discuss the Japanese Kabuki theater and its actors.

Maki Isaka is a professor of Japanese theater and pre-modern literature at the University of Minnesota.

Isaka will talk about onnagata actors, traditionally male actors who historically performed the roles of females in the Kabuki theater.

She said one of the most intriguing phenomena related to onnagata is the existence of female onnagata.

"While Kabuki has long been established as an all-male theater, women Kabuki actors did exist in the past, and when they played women's roles, the female actors engaged in the performance of femininity using the same methodology and techniques as would male onnagata. In a sense, it is an explicitly visible form of cross-gender performance," she said.

Isaka explained the Kabuki theater as an all-male theater of song (ka), dance (bu), and acting (ki) — which came into being in

the 17th century in Japan, and remains popular today.

"This talk will be about women onnagata who faithfully mastered onnagata technique and thus gained the reputation that 'once she is on stage, it is impossible to tell that she is not a man,'" Isaka said.

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— Maki Isaka
Kabuki expert

The talk will address how onnagata actors became popular in Japanese culture, what types of techniques the actors used and why the actors eventually disappeared, Isaka said.

"The significance of onnagata does not remain (only) within the realm of theater, because, during the history of onnagata, this theatrical gender practice even affected how women manifested femininity in society," she said.

In addition to studying Japanese theater, Isaka has also written a book on martial arts.

She authored the book "Se-

crecy in Japanese Arts: 'Secret Transmission' as a Mode of Knowledge" in 1995. The book examines esoteric gei.

"Gei, or 'acquired technique,' is a blanket concept that covers almost any technique, be it martial, literary or musical. Gei esotericism refers to 'secret transmission' by which dancers and swordsmen transmitted their expertise about their arts. This book studies gei esotericism as a readable logic in its own right, not as a mysterious feature of Japanese culture," she said.

Isaka said her book relates to her speech's topic because the female onnagata actresses require great poise and technique to make the audience think that they are men acting as women and not women acting as themselves.

Bill Mihalopoulos, a history professor at NMU, invited Isaka to speak to encourage students to experience other cultures.

"I thought that a speaker who spoke of Kabuki theater, something that students could see on stage, would be more appealing to students than a speaker who spoke of something abstract," Mihalopoulos said.

SNL head writer to perform at Northern

By Kyle Whitney
editor in chief

Seth Meyers, the comedian and actor best known for being the head writer and a cast member on Saturday Night Live, will perform stand-up comedy at NMU next semester.

Northern Arts and Entertainment (NAE) will bring Meyers, who hosts SNL's "Weekend Update" and is in 2008's "Journey to the center of the Earth" and "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist," to campus.

NAE President Whitney Tapani said that the group selected Meyers over another comedian and that his name recognition was certainly a positive factor.

"A lot of the members in our group knew of the name Seth Meyers, because he is all over SNL," she said. "People are saying he is the only funny one on SNL."

NAE arranged the event through Concert Ideas, a national college talent booking agency and the group secured funding through the Student Finance Committee (SFC), at the Thursday, Nov. 6 meeting.

The budget that NAE proposed to the SFC was for a total

of \$31,313 and included advertising, printing and audiovisual expenses. SFC Chair Andrew Foster said the event seemed as though it would be appealing to most students.

"The main selling point for the (Meyers) event likely varied between each SFC member, but I think everyone would agree that a large comedy event featuring an SNL actor would likely be well received by the NMU student body," he said.

The event, which will take place in the Vandament Arena, has a tentative date of Thursday, Jan. 22. Tapani said that she has hopes for a high turnout.

"With comedians, we're not usually as nervous as with concerts, just because everyone says, 'Oh, a comedian is funny,'" she said. "If they know his name, people are even more willing to go to it."

Aside from the Meyers event, NAE has a couple of other events in the works, as well.

The group is planning on bringing "American Idol" winner David Cook to Northern in the near future and has posted a student announcement asking students to submit their opinions for a spring concert.

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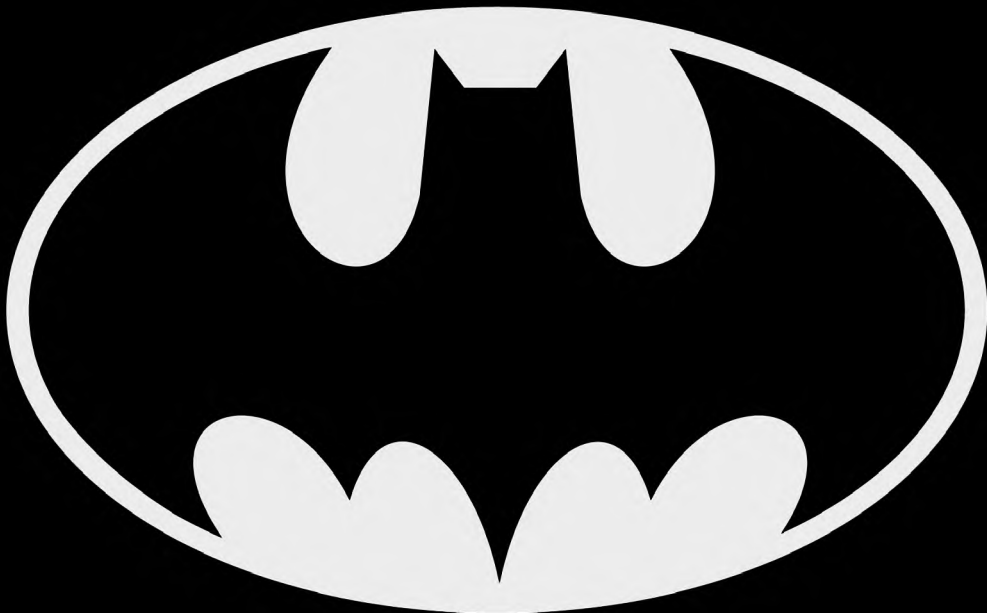
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Staff Editorial

Please hunt ethically

Saturday, Nov. 15 marks the opening of the firearm deer season in Michigan, and hunters across the state will once again flock to fields and forests in search of that elusive trophy. The good news is that, for the first time in years, hunters in the Lower Peninsula won't be heading to their bait piles on opening day.

Last month, Michigan's Natural Resources Commission voted to make permanent a Lower Peninsula ban — initially imposed in late August of this year — on baiting deer.

Baiting is a practice in which a hunter spends the weeks leading up to opening day placing food near a hunting spot. By the time the season opens, the animals will be well aware of the location of the food pile and will wander into range for an easy kill.

The reasoning behind the Michigan ban is that baiting causes deer to congregate and increases the chance that Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) will be transmitted. According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, the exact mechanism of CWD transmission is unclear, but researchers believe it is spread through animal-to-animal contact. CWD causes chronic weight loss and death in deer.

The disease has not yet been identified in the Upper Peninsula, but if it is found within 50 miles of the U.P., the Natural Resources Commission has ordered the Department of Natural Resources to ban baiting and feeding in the remainder of the state.

While it wasn't necessarily intended, perhaps the most notable aspect of the baiting ban in the Lower Peninsula is that it will force southern hunters to actually hunt again. This is an example that northern hunters can learn from, as well.

Baiting goes entirely against the spirit of the chase. It's challenging for a hunter to take weeks scouring the forest, searching for signs of activity, before deciding on a hunting spot and waiting for hours, or days, for deer to come in. Even after all that, he or she may come home empty-handed at season's end.

This spring, a bill that would allow baiting in Mississippi passed that state's legislature, only to be vetoed by Gov. Haley Barbour, who said that "hunting deer with the aid of bait is not consistent with the sportsman's hunting tradition of fair chase."

And he's right, because what sense of accomplishment can a person get from killing a trained animal? There should be some work put into the process. That's why it's called "hunting" and not "waddling into the forest to kill an animal that has been trained to sit on your lap."

The North Wind hopes that when U.P. hunters head into the forests this weekend, they'll do so ethically — and without the help of bait piles.

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Letters to the Editor

Bicycle theft exposes public safety troubles

I like to think that I live on a safe campus, but I still take the usual precautions: I lock my apartment, I lock my car and I lock my bike.

On Halloween, though, my bike was stolen and it seems that getting it back is a feat I'll have to tackle myself.

Getting a hold of Public Safety by phone was a process in itself. I had to leave a message and it was four hours before someone returned my call.

Even then, the only help they could offer was that they would, "Keep an eye out in their travels."

I called the city police in case someone turned my bike into them. Since my bike was stolen on campus, they could not file a report.

I tried to post "Stolen" flyers around campus. When I tried to get them stamped for posting, though, I was informed that I could only post them on two boards on campus: one in the University Center and one in Jamrich.

Local bike shops told me that I was the fourth person last week who reported a stolen bike to them.

I hope that the other victims' thefts occurred in a more 'conve-

nient' off-campus location so that they may freely advertise their losses and receive help from city officials.

Thefts are displayed almost weekly on the Campus Crime Map followed by, "The case is still open." With the lack of support offered for victims of theft, I wonder how many of those cases ever close.

Emily Strazzinski
senior, music education

Muslim faith discussion should continue

I was very glad to be a part of a large and welcoming audience for the Muslim Imam who spoke at Northern in October.

It was heartening to see that he was open to a dialogue about Islam in the United States, and that so many people here were interested.

Unfortunately, I couldn't attend any of the smaller group discussions that week, hence many questions remain for me about the perspectives of Muslim faith based on the Quran.

From the reading I have done, it seems the message is clear: women are born to serve men. If they waiver, they are beaten.

This is acceptable and unquestioned. Children who disobey may also be beaten, especially girls.

These human rights abuses remain a vital issue that needs to be addressed.

Another concern is the idea that it is acceptable to kill non-Muslim people, as they do not serve Allah.

If there is one who has been a Muslim, but chose to leave the faith, it's acceptable that this person should be killed.

I don't believe these things can be overlooked or tolerated. Moving forward in our understanding of the Muslim faith and religious tolerance, I would like to keep this discussion going.

A. McMahon

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State service provides family planning



**For
What It's
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**Claire
Abent**

Almost half of all pregnancies in Michigan are unintended, and it's possible that those pregnancies could have been prevented with the aid of proper planning.

Frequently, birth control and subsequent reproductive health services fall by the wayside due to high costs. Forgoing birth control and routine health care can have expensive and dangerous results. But there is good news: Free family planning assistance is available.

Plan First!, a federally funded program, is run by the Michigan Department of Community Health. It provides free family planning services to eligible women age 19-44, who are not already pregnant and who would not otherwise have coverage for these services. There are no co-pays or monthly premiums for those participating in the program.

Originally created in 2006, the program is already helping approximately 36,000 women, but it has the resources to help a total of 200,000 women who meet the

eligibility requirements. The qualifying demographic even includes some women who have insurance coverage that fails to cover family planning services.

In order to be eligible for services, you must be a U.S. citizen or qualified immigrant, a Michigan resident, meet a certain income requirement and cannot be receiving Medicaid.

Only 18 percent of the women in Michigan who qualify for this program take advantage of the services it has to offer. Simply put, not enough women are using a program designed to help them.

When I recently learned of this program, I couldn't have been more enthusiastic about it. There is almost nothing more beneficial than providing women with birth control, family planning and reproductive health care, free of charge. And though it might seem too good to be true, it really has the potential to help many more women than it already does.

Although the umbrella term "family planning" seems simple, Plan First! actually provides its participants with coverage for a number of vital services. It covers office visits for family planning services (including pre-natal and post-natal care), prescriptions for birth control, contraceptive sup-

plies and devices, lab tests, treatments for sexually transmitted infections and some sterilizations for women 21 and older. It does not cover abortion services or infertility treatments.

For women, especially those in the college age bracket, this service is invaluable. It provides birth control at an affordable rate, something which has been a long time coming. For some, even those with health insurance, birth control costs can be high, sometimes in excess of \$50 a month. And for a college student already struggling to stay afloat, these costs can be-

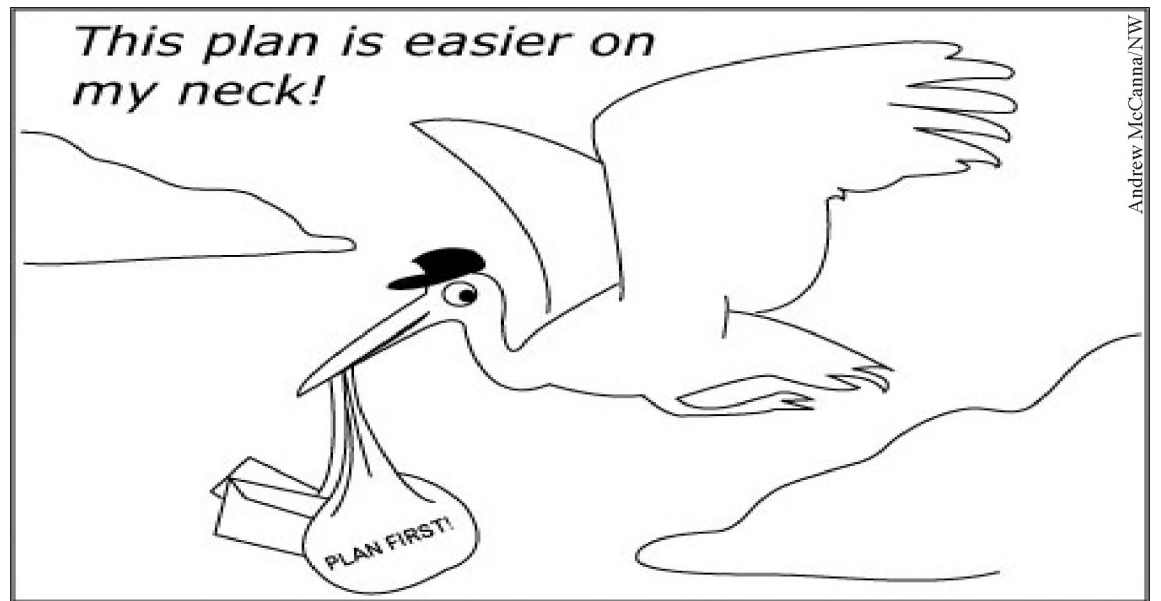
come too much, even though they pale in comparison to the cost of raising a child.

It also covers costs associated with necessary preventative care, which can help women avoid or remedy some more serious diseases. Treating these diseases or infections early can thwart further medical complications down the road and further costs incurred by those complications. It is crucial for women to receive reproductive health care early in life, before any problems arise.

This program not only benefits women in Michigan, but also the

state as a whole. The more unintended pregnancies that are prevented, the more money the state can save. According to a speech given by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in 2006, if the number of those unintended pregnancies is decreased by just 10 percent, the state can save \$27 million in Medicaid expenditures. Preventing unintended pregnancies can also lead to lower infant mortality rates and reduce child abuse and neglect.

Women should take the time to apply, so they don't jeopardize their health or complicate their futures with unintended pregnancies.



'Democracy' leak contributes to piracy



**Staff
Column**

**Curt
Kemp**

Guns N' Roses' highly anticipated album "Chinese Democracy" will be released Nov. 23. Funny thing is, more than a dozen Web sites currently have some or all of the tracks from Axl Rose's 13-year-masterwork available for download. And the album is free.

Illegal to download, but free.

The music is pirated. In the case of "Chinese Democracy," the album comes from either a member of the entertainment media or the record label itself and is distributed

online through peer to peer (P2P) connections.

The reason the album is online, and the rest of the pirated music is online, might very well be the fault of the major music labels, like Guns N' Roses' Geffen Records.

Internet music piracy began in 1999, when Shawn Fanning was attending Northeastern University in Boston and created Napster.

From then on, the music piracy revolution was in full swing. By 2001, according to Jupiter Media Metrix, Napster had 26.4 million users.

But, the Napster community wasn't liked by everyone. After all, the music selection was vast, free and quick (relatively quick at least, since a 56K modem seemed light-

ning fast in 1999).

As early as 2000, Napster was battling lawsuits from record labels. Acting as a stern father, the RIAA sent out hundreds of subpoenas to children, grandmothers and, rightfully so, the gluttonous people who had discographies of every artist they could think to put in the Napster search bar. As of 2007, there have been 20,000 music-loving citizens sued by the RIAA for copyright infringement.

There's no doubt the music industry (acting through the RIAA) needed to act on this issue. Music was, after all, literally being stolen over the internet.

The way it was handled, though, was the wrong move, and forever will be. The heavy-handed

response by the major music labels resulted in a backlash from music fans, a backlash that resulted in more P2P programs popping up afterwards.

Instead of adapting to the technology of Napster at the time, the record industry brought the hammer down. The major music labels didn't consider the 26.4 million potential customers that were available, nor the 20,000 customers they were going to lose.

Despite record company CEO's best attempts to put an end to illegal downloading, it continues today, maybe more than ever.

If there's that feeling that downloading music takes money away from artists, consider this: you'd be giving 20 times more money to

an artist by attending a live show and buying a t-shirt. From an album sale, artists receive less than \$1, whereas live shows and merchandise are nearly pure profit. So, download that album, see the band live, buy the t-shirt and your conscience should be clear.

With the economy as it is, and this being the iPod generation, piracy is sure to stay in style for some time. Today, if the owner of a 160 gigabyte iPod wanted to fill the device with entirely internet purchased songs, it would cost over \$32,000, a figure far out of reach of any college student.

For now at least, the pirates will continue to plunder internet music, and there's little that can be done to save the failing music industry.

Sound Off

What are your plans for the start of hunting season?

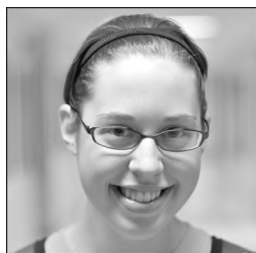
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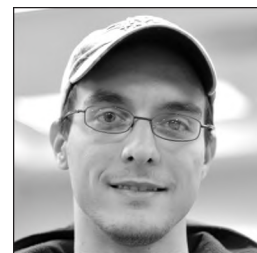
Trevor Hoban
freshman, geographic information systems
"I don't hunt. I just buy my food at the grocery store."



Jeff Poirier
undeclared
"I just plan on spending some time at camp with my dad. Hopefully getting the chance to shoot something."



Erica Wozniak
freshman, undeclared
"I don't even know when hunting season starts."



Tim Bottkol
senior, business management
"I look forward to visiting a few hunting camps and a chance of bagging the big one."



Amanda Whitens
art and design
"I am bow hunting on Friday."

Take responsibility for online content



Staff Column

Lucy Hough

I was recently introduced to Juicycampus.com, a Web site that compares itself to drugs, stating, "It's like crack, but juicier ... Always Anonymous, Always Juicy." Though I choose to remain clean, some Northern students have become users in the worst way.

These students are holding nothing back on this site that allows them to anonymously post discussion topics for the rest of the campus to see and evaluate. NMU is one of 500 universities that has a page on Juicy Campus, but Northern students should consider how they want to address a site that's purpose is to push dig-

nity aside and make statements that are often untrue.

Although only so many students are posting on the site, this becomes a representation of Northern – a façade like this is demoralizing and unfortunate as people carelessly disparage NMU students as well as administration and use words they would never even think of saying in front of their grandmothers.

Northern students need to start taking responsibility and identifying themselves as they post, so that this will reduce the amount of blatant lies that are told. The anonymity of the site encourages people to say anything they choose without having to face any consequences, thus allowing people to make up deliberately hurtful lies.

People may be using the site as a way to talk about people they dislike or to vent about things that

bother them, for instance about NMU students or organizations. But these people need to grow up and deal with their issues the way any mature person would: move on or address the problem directly. Ranting on a Web site won't get anything done.

An anonymous person on the site said recently, "That's what this Web site is for. Naming names and passing blame."

Under what circumstances does that make this site exciting for those who post on it? It is ridiculous that this is even a legitimate excuse for why people can post such outlandish statements and blatant lies about girls' sex lives or who's annoying.

Junior construction management major Josh Jensen puts his name to his posts on Juicy Campus. Jensen is therefore taking responsibility for what he believes, and is not hiding behind anonym-

ity. This action goes beyond being brave; it is honest and responsible.

Juicy Campus has potential to be a valuable site. Some topics that are brought up allow people to discuss things in a forum that is impossible to recreate for the entire campus on Web sites like Facebook and Myspace.

Topics like cheap date ideas, when the Brule run will happen, why the rocks on campus are painted, and your favorite place to go if you have the munchies provide legitimate conversation without having to be rude and malicious; conversely, these topics bring people together.

If those who use Juicy Campus start putting their names to their posts, it will make the dialogue on the Web site more respectable and honest because when a person's name is attached to what they say, they are less likely to say

something untrue or deliberately cruel. It will bring out the best of what the site offers because it will then become an open community for every student to discuss topics that others want to discuss, and it allows people who want a voice to have one.

When people start putting a name to what they say, conversation can still be generated but the point is that it eliminates the bad things that are being said about innocent people.

Those students at Northern who are posting on Juicy Campus can maintain their dignity by taking responsibility for what they're writing.

By identifying themselves, they will prove to the other 499 universities that Northern can overcome the Juicy Campus addiction and open up a dialogue the entire university will be proud to share.

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JASON MORGAN
Jason Morgan had quite the eventful fall. Jason was an alternate delegate for the Democratic National Convention, representing Hillary Clinton. Jason is only 19 years old, which made him one of the youngest delegates at the convention. Since then, he worked full-time for Congressman Bart Stupak, while still attending classes at NMU. He has logged over 700 hours between all four of the edges! Jason is not only well on his way to finishing Superior Edge, but obviously, he is taking advantage of its benefits.
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Comedian Michael Ian Black performs his unique blend of college-based humor. He will be performing in the Great Lakes Rooms in the University Center on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

The many jokes of Michael Ian Black

By Cassandra Sturos
staff writer

Michael Ian Black, a self-proclaimed connoisseur of comedy, is no stranger to winning over crowds. For years, Black has been making audiences laugh with his witty banter and hilarious insight. And it should be no different when he visits NMU on Wednesday, Nov. 19.

Black has been featured on a variety of television shows, including VH1's "I Love the..." series as well as NBC's "Ed." He has also worked on writing and directing films, such as "Wedding Daze," starring Jason Biggs and Isla Fisher. Black also recently wrote a book titled, "My Custom Van (And 46 Other Mind-Blowing Essays That Will Blow Your Mind All Over Your Face)."

Black was always interested in comedy, even before his stints on television and film. He said his interest stemmed from his own ability to be able to make people laugh.

"I think my natural hilarity, I think that was probably it, just being naturally hilarious, and I thought to myself 'I could put this to good use, make jokes for millions,'" Black said.

With influences such as Steve Martin, George Carlin and Eddie Murphy, it's no wonder Black has such a varied sense of humor.

He said that he also keeps an eye on what other popular comedians are doing.

"There are a ton of great people out there, and I try to pay attention to what they're doing," he said.

Although Black has done numerous college shows, this is his first show in the U.P. Black said he enjoys performing on college campuses and said students can expect a lot of laughs, among other things.

"They get to see where their student activity fees are going," he said. "They get to be in a climate-controlled room, free of bong smoke."

Black has always had a natural knack for side-splitting hilarity, but as with any professional comedian, some people don't find his quick wit and easy quips funny, he

said.

"As much as I've been able to make people laugh, there have always been people who don't find me funny in the least," he said. "I've got people who find me absolutely despicable — hopefully nobody at your school."

In fact, most college students could easily relate to Black, who lists his favorite food as Taco Bell and his biggest pet peeve as petty bureaucrats.

Black has a variety of ways he likes to spend his free time, including learning a foreign language and brushing up on his card skills.

"I am teaching myself French at the moment. I play poker, of course. (I work on) my radical feminist poetry which I have always done and will continue to do," Black said.

While growing up, his hobbies were a little different than the ones he pursues now, but still very similar to most adolescent boys, Black said.

"I was interested in stamp collecting, comic book collecting and masturbating," he said.

Black has been to various college campuses performing his stand-up and while his shows stimulate a fun atmosphere, he has yet to see anything unusual or out-of-

control happen.

"I find so little strange or outlandish, what someone might find strange or outlandish doesn't really cause me to blink," he said. "People yell obnoxious stuff or do silly things, but there's never been an orangutan running around, which would be unusual, sure. Outlandish? Not necessarily."

"If someone wants to bring an orangutan to the show and let it run around, I'll reimburse the price of their ticket," he added.

What Black has enjoyed most about his career, besides being able to make millions laugh, is his ability to have a flexible work schedule and dress code, he said.

"Just being able to do a job that I enjoy and making my own schedule and making my own work, I get to wear whatever I want to work, which is nice," he said. "I don't

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— Michael Ian Black
comedian

have to wear a suit. On the other hand, if I ever want to wear swim fins, I can. Nobody's saying, 'Don't show up to work in swim fins.'"

Black will be performing in the Great Lakes Rooms on Wednesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. The show is free for NMU students and \$2 for the general public. To learn more about Black, visit his Web site at <http://michaelian-black.typepad.com/>.

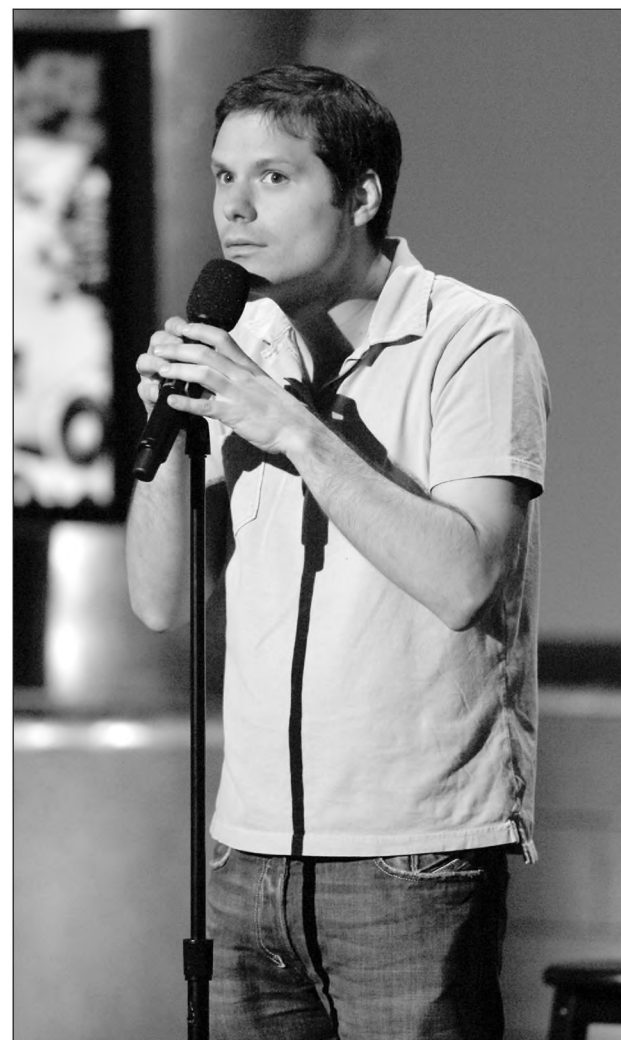


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Black is the current editor-at-large for *Cracked*, which was re-launched in 2006 after a two-year hiatus.

Drag queens (and kings) strut their stuff

By Sarah O'Neill
staff writer

Your heart is racing, adrenaline going strong. Fear and anxiety take hold. The heat from the lights is burning, the roar of the crowd deafening. And the only thought going through your mind is: Do I look enough like the opposite sex?

On Friday, Nov. 14, the 12th annual drag show will take place in the Berry Events Center. The event will consist of a professional show followed by a chance for students and community members to perform in the amateur competition.

Jaclyn Calamaro, a senior electronic journalism major and drag show coordinator, said the show always has something exciting in store.

"One thing I've learned is that you can never expect anything from a drag show," she said. "Except that you can always expect to have a good time."

Calamaro has been involved with the show for five years. She started performing in the amateur competition, but has been involved with the planning for the past three years.

Until two years ago, the show was held in the Great Lakes Room located in the University Center. It has since grown in attendance by at least 100 people each year, Calamaro said.

Vandament Arena housed 1,200 attendees last year, a number that is anticipated to grow this year despite the challenge of switching venues due to scheduling conflicts with the volleyball team.

"It poses a new challenge because of how big of a venue it is; there's a lack of intimacy," Calamaro said. "But this should be a successful show, (mainly) because we have a successful drag committee."

For the first time, a committee of eight fellow students helped get the word out about the show by putting up posters, talking to possible sponsors and assisting Calamaro with organizing the event.

Some notable members of NMU are also helping with the show by judging the amateur competition. University President Les Wong and ASNMU President Hobie Webster are both judges this year.

Webster said he's looking forward to judging the show, but is also a bit nervous.

"I've been out of town for the past three shows, so I've never been to one," he said. "But it should be a lot of fun – I think it's great that we have something kind of light hearted to address some real issues."

Putting the show together is a huge process, especially when it comes to finding the professional performers, Calamaro said. The drag queens come from all over the world, even as far as Australia in past shows.

"It really is an international show," Calamaro said. "We get the cream of the crop celebrity drag queens."

The task of finding the performers is made easier by Tim "Tabbi" Iupkka, who performed as a drag queen for many years and has direct connections with many of professional entertainers.

Iupkka has offered his assistance with the show for each of the 12 years it has been happening, and although last year was his last time performing, he said the experience is always great.

"It's amazing, the kids are always very receptive," he said. "I don't think a lot of the queens would normally come do a show up here, but they do because it's such a good time."

Not only are there drag queens involved in the show, but drag kings as well. This year, many acts from past shows will be returning, including student favorites Shannon Dupree and Ms. Gay Universe, Candi Stratton.

The slang "drag" refers to any set of attire with significant meaning usually connected to one gender but worn by another, so women dressed as men qualify as drag kings.

Even though Marquette isn't as big of a city as these performers are used to, the amount of support from local business and community members has been huge, Calamaro said.

Local businesses ranging from Hot Plate to Dead River Café have acted as sponsors, and Impaled Tattoos has donated a \$200 gift certificate this year for the grand prize of the amateur competition.

"There's a huge support system (for the show)," Calamaro said. "It shows that even though it's a small town, it's not small minded."

Sue Kensington, owner of Hot Plate, has been a sponsor of the show for the past few years.

"Every time I go to the show, I am completely blown away," Kensington said. "The diversity of the community there is amazing. There's all ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations, genders — it's a celebration of all of us."

Social justice is one of the main reasons Kensington decided to continue sponsoring the show each year.

"There's a saying that says, 'In order to have the very best you have to have everyone,'" she said. "We need to celebrate our diversity; I think what they do is great."

The professional show, put on by OUTlook and sponsored by the Student Finance Committee, will begin at 8 p.m. The opening act will be the Bad Seed Burlesque Troupe.

The amateur competition will follow at 10 p.m. Those interested in performing should be at the Berry Events Center by 9:30 p.m. with their music.



The importance of drag shows in the LGBT community



OUTlook has made great advances in creating a safe space at NMU for the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgendered (LGBT) students, faculty and community members alike. Its annual drag show not only serves as one of the organizations biggest events, but also as a tool of empowerment for the community.

Ashlee Lambart, a senior art and design major and co-president of OUTlook, said the show clears up a lot of labels people associate with the performers.

"It breaks the stereotype of the big, bad scary drag queens," she said. "It's exposure to other people's lives."

The large amount of people that attend the show from neighboring high schools and colleges is inspiring, she added.

"It's one of the bigger shows in the U.P., so we get a lot of support from schools in Iron Mountain, as well as Michigan Tech and Finlandia," Lambart said.

Drag show coordinator Jaclyn Calamaro, who has been a member of OUTlook for the past five years, said the drag show offers a night where people from the community can simply be themselves.

"They don't have to be the L or the G or the B or the T – they can just be them," Calamaro said.

She added that the show is also a place for people from the LGBT community to socialize with people they can relate to.

"There really is no place to go (in Marquette) to meet someone who is similar to you," Calamaro said. "That's what's really hard about being LGBT in the U.P.; it's a lot harder to identify with people."

Amy Hickey, a senior international studies major and co-president of OUTlook, said the show serves as a dedication to a crucial part of gay culture as well as a source of entertainment.

"Drag was one of the only culturally accepted representations of gay culture when society was more close minded about what it is to be LGBT," she said. "It's a part of history."

Not only does the show mean a lot to the community, it serves as an educational tool for people who are not a part of it, Calamaro said.

"A lot of the time, I will tell people to check it out, and once they go, they realize how fun it is," she said. "It's a way to get outside your box."

Looking OUT for LGBT students

OUTlook is an organization catering to LGBT students, as well as faculty and community members. It's dedicated to gender expression and sexuality, and serves as a support net for these individuals and non-gay community members who support them.

Ashlee Lambart, OUTlook co-president, said the organization aims to encompass everyone.

"It is a safe place for people to come express themselves," she said. "Members are usually split evenly into allies and actual gay community members."

Amy Hickey, co-president of OUTlook, has been involved with the group since she was a freshman. She said one of the main goals of OUTlook is to be there for students and faculty when times are especially hard.

"Northern can sometimes be unwelcoming," Hickey said. "We provide the resources so that if something were to happen, the person would know where to go and what to do."

Things that sometimes make NMU a hostile environment to the gay community include homophobic chalkings on campus during Coming Out Day, threats made to students by their roommates or people in their dorm or people using the word "gay" as a negative adjective, Hickey said.

"People don't realize how much harm they

cause by uttering, 'That's so gay,' whenever they are displeased," she added.

The membership of OUTlook has increased steadily over time, and the group welcomed 65 people to their first meeting of the year.

Although numbers may dwindle over time because of other commitments, Lambart said the group is still going strong. Current members include a large number of freshmen who have been working with high schools on starting gay-straight alliances.

Hickey said the group has grown in function as well as numbers.

"In the past, the group was a lot less organized and a lot more social," she said. "Now we are planning more events and setting up more committees. We are a social, political and emotional group with a lot of different functions."

OUTlook is also dedicated to educating NMU students and community members on gender identities. These events include the annual activities during Coming Out Week, such as the Matthew Sheppard vigil and a hate-free dance.

Besides the upcoming drag show, the organization is also working on having an HIV national testing day on campuses nationwide, Lambart said. While there is already an existing testing day, it's during the summer and not targeted toward campuses.

A business plan for an LGBT resource center is also in the works, which would serve as a place people could go for information about gender identities.

"It would be a place where students can come, ask questions and get answers," Lambart said. "We've got all the resources, now we're getting to the final stages."

Next up after the drag show is Transgendered Day of Remembrance on Nov. 20, which will include guest speakers focusing on what it's like to be transgendered in Marquette.

'Porno' an average romantic comedy

Seth Rogen & Elizabeth Banks made a movie so titillating that we can only show you this drawing.



Zack and Miri make a porno

October 31

Film: Zack and Miri Make a Porno

Director: Kevin Smith

Producer: Scott Mosier

Writer: Kevin Smith

Starring: Elizabeth Banks, Seth Rogen

Runtime: 101 minutes

Rating: R



By **Scott Viau**
staff writer

Kevin Smith has a lot of fans among the college crowd, although I don't include myself in that group. His films tend to be juvenile and low-brow. So it comes as no surprise that "Zack and Miri Make a Porno" started out just like his other films. What does come as a surprise is that he has entrapped me with this one. I wouldn't call it laugh-out-loud funny, but for a movie that has "porno" in the title, it's really quite charming, insightful and romantic.

Zack Brown (Rogen) and Miri-

am "Miri" Linky (Banks) are poor roommates struggling to make ends meet. After the water and electricity are shut off, the two find themselves in dire straits. They need a way to make some money fast. Meeting gay classmate Bobby Long (Brandon Routh) and his porn star boyfriend Brandon (Justin Long) at their 10-year high school reunion, Zack is inspired to make a porno. After convincing Miri, they gather funds and begin recruiting talent, but soon find the implications of making a porno with your best friend are more complicated than they seem.

After the dismal box office performances of his recent films, it's not hard to see why the studio didn't push this as a Smith film.

Fans of his are likely to be the only ones to know this is his film and not Judd Apatow's. While this is a Smith film completely, his romantic and tender side is showcased more authentically than in his other films. "Porno" struck me as a filthy "When Harry Met Sally." Those who enjoy Smith's gross-out sense of humor will be pleased while those who like his smart and homage-driven side will find much to amuse them.

References to pop culture are a staple of Smith films. By naming the town's hockey team the Monroeville Zombies he's throwing a nod to "Dawn of the Dead." By casting former porn star Traci Lords as Bubbles, not only is Smith winking to the audience, but allows Lords to poke fun at herself. And finally, what Smith film would be complete without a nauseating abundance of "Star Wars" references?

Banks is radiant and beautiful as Miri. She exudes such sweetness and sensitivity, yet she's able to get down and dirty when push comes to shove. Rogen plays the same guy he does in all of his films: the loveable slacker. One cannot deny that Rogen plays it quite well. The chemistry between Rogen and Banks is really great, but the standout performance comes from Long, who's on screen for less than five minutes. Some may

remember Long from films such as "Live Free or Die Hard," although I don't think anyone has seen him play a gay porn star.

While one might think having the words "make a porno" in a film's title would make it seem relatively straightforward, it turns into more than just the making of an adult film. We are shown what happens when two people who have been friends their whole life have sex. Anybody who's been in this situation will find Smith's interpretation to be spot on. "Porno" shows how one can have sex with random people and have it mean nothing, but once feelings are involved, sex becomes more than

just something that feels good. It's making love, and that's what happens when Zack and Miri share a scene together, and it's quite a beautiful and romantic scene.

Those who are die-hard fans of Smith are likely to be pleased, while those looking for something romantic should also find something to satisfy them. Smith's inane dialogue still remains, which for some reason people seem to find clever and witty. His penchant for toilet humor is really unnecessary, and he could do much better if he just put a little more effort into his scripts. For all its faults, though, it's still fun watching "Zack and Miri Make a Porno."



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Good friends Miri (Elizabeth Banks) and Zack (Seth Rogen) prepare for a scene in an adult film in Kevin Smith's "Zack and Miri Make a Porno."

Cabot's upcoming novel a must for romance fans



By **Ally Berry**
contributing writer

Since the Disney adaptation of "The Princess Diaries," Meg Cabot's books have grown fast in popularity. But with the series quickly coming to a close, Cabot will soon delight her fans with the new novel, "Ransom My Heart," in which Cabot writes as the star character of The Princess Diaries: Mia Thermopolis.

Finnula Crais, the youngest of six sisters, spends her free time secretly poaching game from her

Lord's estate to help feed the poor. But when one of her sisters is in need of some quick cash, Crais suddenly finds herself scouring the county in search of a wealthy man to ransom. As fate would have it, she stumbles upon one of the richest men around, Hugo Fitzstephen, who just returned home from the Crusades, and is in possession of a saddlebag full of jewels. Trapping the man proves to be no trouble, but when Finnula makes the mistake of falling in love with her hostage, things get interesting.

Unlike most medieval romances, "Ransom" has no trouble standing out from the crowd. Although the book does focus on the eventual love between Crais and Fitzstephen, Cabot surprises her audience by developing a solid plot. It turns out that not everyone is glad to see Fitzstephen returned home — in fact, there are some who would sooner see him dead. As a result, a conspiracy is formed, rich with both a chilling suspense and a mind-boggling mystery.

Another flattering trait of the novel is seen within the characters. There are scarcely any stereotypical nuances. Crais in particular could never be compared to the common, blushing maidens that plague most romances. She

is strong-willed and independent, and would rather spend her time hunting than filling the role of housewife.

Then there is the humorous dialogue scattered throughout the novel, often consisting of Fitzstephen and Crais shouting over some minor disagreement. What's interesting is that, even though the two are in love, their bickering gives the relationship a more realistic appeal to readers. What sane couple doesn't argue at least once in a while in order to maintain a healthy relationship?

In the end, one of the most interesting aspects of this book deals with the knowledge that it was "penned" by a fictional character. It does take some time to get used to, but once realized, this unique take on presenting a novel makes reading it all the more enjoyable. Despite being a fictional character, Thermopolis is the current princess of Genovia. What woman doesn't want to read a book written by the hand of a princess?

Scheduled for release in January of 2009, "Ransom My Heart" is a must read. It will find a permanent residence in any bookshelf. Read just one page, and there can be no hope of ever putting it down until it's finished.



Radio X's
top weekly
album plays:

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| 1. LUCINDA WILLIAMS "Little Honey" | 6. LONGWAVE "Secrets Are Sinister" |
| 2. RAY LAMONTAGNE "Gossip In The Grain" | 7. FRONTIER RUCKUS "The Orion Song book" |
| 3. NEW MONARCHS "Blueprints" | 8. ANBERLIN "New Surrender" |
| 4. AUDRYE SESSIONS "Audrye Sessions" | 9. TOM GABEL "Heart Burns" |
| 5. TV ON THE RADIO "Dear Science" | 10. KINGS OF LEON "Only By The Night" |



Week's top
box office
films:

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| 1. Madagascar Escape 2 Africa | \$63.5M |
| 2. Role Models | \$19.3M |
| 3. High School Musical 3 | \$9.29M |
| 4. Changeling | \$7.28M |
| 5. Zack and Miri Make a Porno | \$6.25M |

source: imdb.com

First round: game, set, match 3-1

By **Gordon Beedle**
assistant sports editor

In the quarterfinals of the GLIAC championships, NMU defeated the Timberwolves of Northwood in four sets Wednesday night. Game scores for the night were 25-16, 22-25, 25-17, 25-22.

NMU had 16 service aces on the night, and head coach Dominic Yoder said those aces were a key to the playoff victory.

"We really have to serve tough to allow our defense to work easier and more systemic, and they did a great job doing that tonight," he said.

Leading the team was junior Katt Garvick with five service aces. On the defensive side, Cassie Osiecki added 18 digs. On the other end of the court, senior Caryn VanBeckum had 14 kills and Mandie Meyer dropped 10.

The 'Cats also held Northwood to just 16 kills, and Yoder said this aggressive style of defense was the determining factor of the match.

Yoder also commended the play of senior Breanne Zarembo who stepped up for injured sophomore hitter Daniela Bezerra, who was injured after Friday's match with Ferris.

"She (Zarembo) said she wanted to be on that court all the time, and I told her she is going to have that chance on Wednesday," Yoder said. "And she really proved that she deserved to be there."



They're excited and they're motivated and they want to play their best.

—Dominic Yoder

Yoder added that to see that type of play out of a senior during this part the season shows her leadership.

"When they (the team) see a player that hasn't played much front row for us step up and do a great job playing front row, it really motivates them to play better," he said.

With this victory in the books, NMU moves on to face the Cardinals of SVSU on Saturday.

SVSU beat Michigan Tech 3-0 Wednesday in Houghton to advance. In the prior two matches of the season against SVSU, NMU lost both 3-1. Yoder credited those two matches to SVSU's defensive ability.

"SVSU did a good job playing defense against us, so we are going to work on shot blocking and just being smart about our scoring opportunities" he said.

Yoder added his team didn't play to its full potential in the previous matches against the Cards.

"I think the team (NMU) is really confident that they haven't played their best match against Saginaw Valley all year long," he said. "They're excited, and they're motivated and they want to play their best."

Volleyball finishes up regular season

By **Gordon Beedle**
assistant sports editor

NMU volleyball ended its regular season Saturday on a disappointing note, losing to the No. 4 team in the nation Grand Valley 2-3.

The 'Cats are now 0-2 against the Lakers for the season.

Head coach Dominic Yoder said the loss resulted in the 'Cats missing one of their season goals of hosting a playoff game, and the Wildcats were forced to travel to Northwood for the first round of GLIAC playoffs.

To add to the already heated match, the Lakers, who were 15-0 in GLIAC play, also endured their first conference loss of the season to Michigan Tech (3-1) the night before, and junior outside hitter Daniela Bezerra suffered an ankle injury prior to the match and was sidelined.

NMU came out hard and won the first set 25-22. But GVSU answered back, winning the next two 31-29 and 25-17. NMU gained momentum, which resulted in a win in the fourth set 25-19. This wasn't enough to sink the Lakers though, as GVSU rallied in the fifth set 15-12.

"I think we're disappointed with the outcome of Saturday, but it's a reality check. We are responsible for that and it is nobody else's fault," Yoder said. "We have to go on the road and we're not totally disappointed about that because, we're still playing."

Before falling to GVSU, NMU squared off against the Ferris State Bulldogs on Friday. NMU won in three sets 25-20, 27-25 and 25-17.

Leading the 'Cats were Bezerra with 10 kills, junior Rachel Green at 27 assists and junior Mandie Meyer, who earned 11 digs.

Yoder said this weekend's matches proved what he had been telling his team all season — that the top four teams in the GLIAC (GVSU, MTU, SVSU and NMU) are all at the same level, and the one who

wins the conference is going to have to earn it.

"We are all in the same boat. We went the distance with Grand Valley without one of our better players, so I think with her (Bezerra) playing it is a different story," he said.

"But Grand Valley's motivation might have been different with that type of player on the floor. So you never know.

"But I think the top four teams in the GLIAC are all at that same level."

Outside hitter Meyer said going the distance with GVSU showed NMU that the Lakers are a team they can win against.

"We played hard all the way through and we played our hearts out. But it didn't really play out in our favor," she said.

"They (Grand Valley) are just like any other team. Definitely they are a beatable team, and when we do have our regular lineup in, and we see them again, we will be all fired up to play them."

Before worrying about GVSU, NMU had to first turn its sights on Northwood, who NMU defeated 3-1.

Green, who had 52 assists against GVSU, said it will be business as usual, despite the shorter week of practice.

"Us losing is not really that big of a deal right now. Once it gets into the time when it's really do or die time, we're going to pull out on top," she said. "And I think we have learned from our mistakes and we think we can do this."

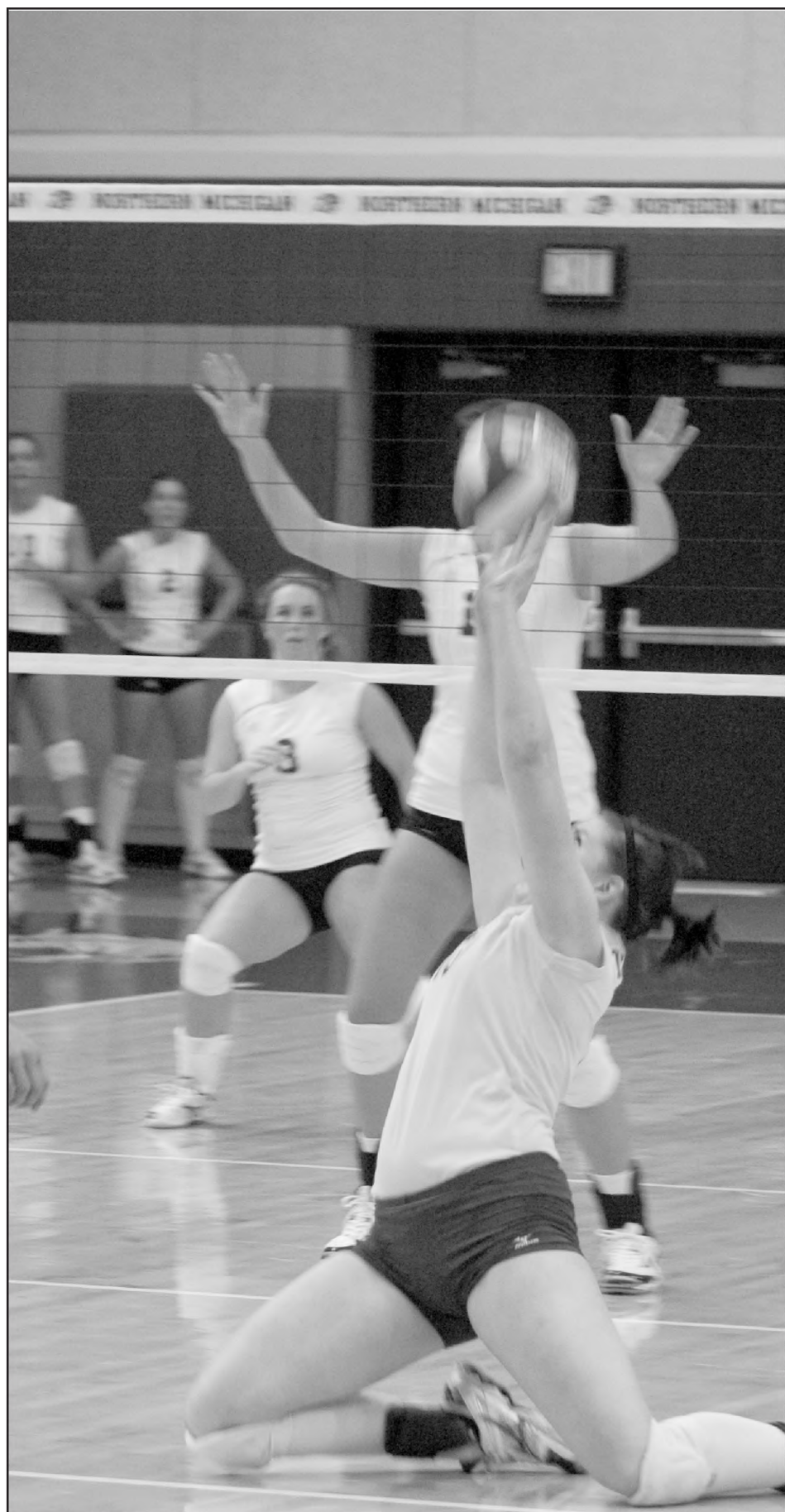
Yoder said this is the time of this season when he wants his entire team thinking with that type of confidence.

"I think every team from here on out — because it's postseason — is going to bring their best game against us," Yoder said.

"So we're going to have to play at our best. And we talked about today, the fact that we are not going to be able to win with one or two players being successful. We need everybody to be up there."

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— Rachel Green
junior setter



Jeff Kitson/NW

Freshman setter Madeline Ogden leads the league with an average of 10.53 sets per game. In the 78 games she has played in she has earned 821 assists.



Home sweet home

Told their careers were over, Wildcat athletes now return to the court

By Curt Kemp
sports editor

Posted on head men's basketball coach Dean Ellis' office door is a photo of four NMU basketball players. Above the photo are two Quebec flags and large text reading "We're Back."

Last week, the players in the photo, juniors Mark D'Agostino, Sebastien Salois, Chris Warner and freshman Alex Sabino-Ifill, along with Natalie Larocque from the women's team, were declared by the NCAA to be ineligible. But, as the sign reads, they're back.

And if you ask Ellis how he felt on Nov. 7 when the athletes were allowed to don the green and gold again, it's clear he's happy with the decision.

"We were like ecstatic," Ellis said. "It was like you lost something, you thought you were going to get it back, you lost it again, and then miraculously it appeared."

All five athletes hail from Quebec, Canada, and following their 11th year of high school, attended two-year post-secondary schooling called CEGEP. That time in CEGEP was the reason for NCAA action.

When the NMU players were deemed ineligible last Monday, the NCAA was reinterpreting a 2001 rule concerning amateurism. According to Ellis, the new interpretation of the amateurism rule, effective with the next recruiting class, will count each year over two at the CEGEP level as a year of NCAA eligibility.

If a CEGEP athlete then makes the jump to NCAA Division II sports, they are required to sit out one year, Ellis said.

"This isn't a men's basketball

issue, or a women's basketball, it's a CEGEP Division II athletic issue," he said.

As of now, according to the NCAA's 2008 International Academic Standards for Athletic Eligibility, an athlete hailing from



D'AGOSTINO

the CEGEP is not considered a transfer student because Quebec students are required to attend two years of CEGEP before attending university.

All three juniors on the men's team would have used up their four years of NCAA eligibility by the start of the season if the NCAA had not grandfathered them in.

According to Ellis, the rule was being investigated for three weeks prior to the ruling. Each of the athletes was required to fill out a survey with questions regarding their past participation in CEGEP at that time.

"They didn't think the surveys they were taking were anything. We just blind-sided them that they were done (at the time)," Ellis said. "It was a terrible feeling."

On Nov. 3, just before the men's team made the trip down to East Lansing for their matchup with the Michigan State Spartans, Ellis and NMU Athletic Director Ken Godfrey brought Salois, D'Agostino and Warner into a room to break them the news. Sabino-Ifill had just undergone knee surgery and wasn't going to make

the State trip, so he was notified later.

Warner said, once he heard the news, he realized it wasn't just about his athletic career being over.

"There was a lot more added stress, seeing how I'm toward the end of my academic career as well," Warner said. "It would have been a disappointment both athletically and academically if that happened."

All the players said they didn't see the news coming, and when it happened, they were a bit shocked and angry.

"It was horrible to be honest. It was one of the worst days of my life," Salois said. "Just having somebody tell you that your dream is over, just like that, for no good reason, it was real hard to take."

Once Salois, Warner, D'Agostino and Sabino-Ifill were notified they were no longer

members of the basketball team, the Quebec natives bonded together for support. Though junior guard Marc Renelique wasn't applicable under the new rule since he went to a junior college in North Carolina immediately after high school, Renelique said he wanted to be there for his Canadian teammates.

"At first, I kind of let it go for a little bit, because at first they were so mad and so upset," Renelique said. "When it happened, it happened so weird that I said, 'It can't be over just like

that. They're going to have to do some type of review. You can't just shut down like that without an explanation."

Warner added that the Canadians acted as a family during that time.

"In that situation, I think you have to come together, because you don't really have anyone else," he said. "We don't have family up here, so we depended on each other to get through the time."

And then, less than a week later, all five student athletes, including Larocque were granted their eligibility.

"It was a crazy moment because right then and there, you knew that you had that opportunity, you got it back, something that had been taken away, you got it back," Warner said.

Now the men's team hosts Northland Baptist on Saturday and the University of Minnesota-Duluth Sunday. The women's team heads to Duluth to face their counterparts on Saturday.

Salois said he can't wait to get in the game.

"Right now, everytime I hit the floor, I just remember that day. Just thinking that it could have been over, and now it's not, I got a second chance and not everybody gets that second chance," he said. "Every time I practice and every time I play, it just makes it more exciting."

Warner said that, for him, especially, playing at the Berry will

have been a long time coming, after his knee injury a year ago.

"It's been a while, it's been a whole year, and plus that whole week," he said. "I'm going to use those experiences, sitting out last year, and last week, as fuel to really push me forward and push this team forward."

Ellis said it would have been especially difficult to deal with the fact that Warner wouldn't be able to play, considering all that his junior guard had been through.

In Warner's sophomore season, the Wildcats expected to head to the NCAA Division II tournament, only to find out they didn't earn a bid, then last season, Warner was sidelined with a knee injury.

"He was taking it great, as good as you could, but now he's really enthused," Ellis said. "All those guys are. And they can't wait."

The day Ellis found out he would be getting the four men's basketball players back, he received a call from Michigan Tech head basketball coach and friend Kevin Luke.

"I told him, 'Well, I thought we were going to be good before the year, and then I didn't know how good we were going to be because we lost four guys.'" Ellis said. "I said, 'Now, we're going to be real good.'"



SABINO-IFILL



SALOIS



LAROCQUE



WARNER

BRIEFS

October athletes of the Month selected

The Student-Athlete Advisory Committee at Northern Michigan University announces the October Athletes of the Month. Selected as the Female Athlete of the Month was Caryn VanBeckum from the volleyball team and Nathan Yelk from the football team was chosen as the Male Athlete of the Month. VanBeckum, a senior from DePere, Wis., was selected as the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) North Division Play of the Week on Oct. 13 for her play the previous weekend against Northwood and Wayne State. For the two matches, both wins, VanBeckum registered 30 kills for a .510 hitting percentage and six blocks. For the month she had 128 kills (3.37 k/s), three assists, five service aces, 25 digs, 13 block solos and 16 block assists for 29 total blocks. Yelk, a junior from Arlington, Wis., was also selected as a GLIAC Player of the Week during October. He was named the GLIAC Defensive Player of the Week on Oct. 27 for his performance against Findlay the previous Saturday. Against the Oilers, Yelk tallied 17 total tackles, including 14 solo stops and two-and-a-half tackles-for loss (-8 yards) in the 'Cats 29-21 win. During October, Yelk had 47 total tackles (37 solo and 10 assisted), five tackles-for-loss (-21 yards), one sack (-5 yards) and one interception.

— NMU Sports Information

Men's basketball preseason poll announced

The Northern Michigan university men's basketball team was selected sixth in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) preseason men's basketball poll. NMU received 54 points as Grand Valley State was selected as the team to win the GLIAC North Division with 179 points and 29 first-place votes. NMU is coming off a 7-20 overall record and 6-12 GLIAC slate in the 2007-08 season.

Men's Basketball Media Poll

| Rank | School (first-place votes) | Points |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| North Division | | |
| 1. | Grand Valley State (29) | 179 |
| 2. | Michigan Tech (1) | 133 |
| 3. | Lake Superior State | 102 |
| 4. | Saginaw Valley State | 93 |
| 5. | Ferris State | 69 |
| 6. | Northern Michigan | 54 |
| South Division | | |
| 1. | Findlay (29) | 169 |
| 2. | Hillsdale (1) | 141 |
| 3. | Ashland | 110 |
| 4. | Northwood | 89 |
| 5. | Wayne State | 79 |
| 6. | Tiffin | 36 |

Women's basketball prediction poll announced

The Northern Michigan university women's basketball team was selected sixth in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) preseason women's basketball poll. NMU received 43 points as Michigan Tech was selected as the team to win the GLIAC North Division with 179 points and 29 first-place votes. Hillsdale was picked in the GLIAC South as the Chargers garnered 174 points and 25 first-place votes. NMU is coming off a 9-17 overall and 4-14 GLIAC slate for the 2007-08 season. The Wildcats open up the 2008-09 season Nov. 15 at the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

Women's Basketball Media Poll

| Rank | School (first-place votes) | Points |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| North Division | | |
| 1. | Michigan Tech (29) | 179 |
| 2. | Grand Valley State (1) | 134 |
| 3. | Ferris State | 121 |
| 4. | Lake Superior State | 97 |
| 5. | Saginaw Valley State | 53 |
| 6. | Northern Michigan | 43 |
| South Division | | |
| 1. | Hillsdale (25) | 174 |
| 2. | Northwood (2) | 137 |
| 3. | Ashland (3) | 132 |
| 4. | Wayne State | 84 |
| 5. | Findlay | 60 |
| 6. | Tiffin | 43 |

Bowling Green meets the Green and Gold

By Curt Kemp
sports editor

One week off might be just what the NMU hockey team needed.

At 2-5-1 (1-4-1-0 CCHA) and looking up at most of the rest of the CCHA in the standings, the Wildcats will look to improve upon that record when they visit the Bowling Green State University Falcons (3-5-2, 2-3-1-0 CCHA) this weekend.

"I think whatever happened, we have to live with our record," senior assistant captain Nick Sirota said. "But, I think we kind of feel like it was a break and it's — maybe not a new start — but it's a refocus."

Currently, NMU has not picked up a victory in five consecutive games. The one win in conference play came against the University of Michigan at the Berry Events Center.

The Wildcats' offense will certainly have to be focused a bit more this weekend.

Head coach Walt Kyle said the team has been working on its power play all week, spending more time on it than they have all season.

"I think it's been a real hole in our game and I think it's something we have to get going," Kyle said. "I think if we would have had three more power play goals, we'd potentially have three more points."

The 'Cats rank last in the CCHA in the power play, scoring only twice on 42 opportunities.

With the additional power play practice, Kyle added that he hoped certain individuals would pick up their scoring. The current leading scorer on the Wildcat team is a freshman, Andrew Cherniwchan, who has five points on three goals and two assists.

"I think, if we can get some individuals on track, we're going to be in much better shape," Kyle said.

On the Falcons home ice, Kyle said the Wildcats will be in a difficult situation, and trying to pick up their first road win of the season.

"We've struggled in that building. Since I've been here, the best we've been is .500," Kyle said. "They compete in there, and this is the best team they've had in six or seven years. So we'll have our hands full."

Sirota said he hoped the Wildcats would put away some of the worries they had going

into the off-week when they arrive in Bowling Green.

"When you get that much time off, you stop thinking too much, and sometimes when you're not playing too well, you're thinking too much about, 'I've got to do this, I've got to do that,' instead of just playing the game," Sirota said. "I think that we kind of put it in the back of our minds, whatever problems we were having — whether it's scoring, letting in goals, playing bad defense.

"Whatever we were worried about, I think that's kind of over," he added.

BGSU's leading returning scorer from a year ago, sophomore Jacob Cepis, is an honorable mention honoree for the all-conference team. Cepis has one goal and two assists thus far this season.

The leading scorer for the Falcons early in the season is sophomore forward Dan Sexton, with four goals and eight assists on the season. Sexton hails from Apple Valley, Minn., the same home town of NMU senior captain Tim Hartung.

Sirota added that the athleticism of BGSU will be another difficulty they'll have to overcome.

"It's a small ice and they're speedy forwards," Sirota said. "We're going to have to play the body, play physical, outwork them and get pucks to the net and get second and third chances in the five on five."

Leading goal scorers for BGSU are senior forward Brandon Svendsen and sophomore forward David Solway, each with five goals.

In goal for BGSU will be senior Jimmy Spratt, with a record of 2-3-1 and a .901 save percentage on 137 saves, one shy of Stewart's 138 in the same amount of games.

According to Sirota, the 'Cats came together during the week off, and the hockey team will no longer be looking back at the rough start to the season.

"I think, people probably don't believe that we're going to be able to get back into it, so I think our guys are kind of like, 'Alright, everyone's kind of off the boat right now, they're not in the boat with us,'" Sirota said.

"But there's 27 guys, and all the coaching staff, who are in the boat and we're driving forward. There's really nothing we're looking



Jeff Kitson/NW

Junior defensemen TJ Miller and Alan Dorich look to score during a recent game at the Berry.

Football program looks to the future



Jeff Kitson/NW

Redshirt freshman Carter Kopach looks downfield for a receiver. On the season, Kopach passed for nine touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

By Drew Kochanny
staff sports writer

With the final game of 2008 behind them, NMU football players must now look toward the future, and try to improve on a disappointing 2-8 campaign.

For the second consecutive season, the Wildcats finish in ninth place out of 12 teams in the GLIAC.

The team will now have plenty of time to prepare in the offseason, and according to head coach Bernie Anderson, the team will have to take advantage of this offseason for the upcoming year.

"We didn't get in condition enough throughout the summer to go into the season in good shape (this year)," head coach Bernie Anderson said. "When you're not in good shape going into a season, there's nothing else you can do about it."

The team started strong, with a 30-7 home win over Northwood, then went on a six-game losing streak until its Oct. 25 matchup with the University of Findlay, when the 'Cats won 29-21.

Like Anderson, junior running back Mark Bossuah felt that conditioning should improve in the offseason, especially during the summer, when players are given the option to stay in Marquette and work with teammates.

"You definitely want starters to stay up for the summer to condition before the season. It's a big

thing for the offseason," Bossuah said.

With the help of 20 players entering their senior seasons, and 17-of-22 starters returning, leadership is one area the 'Cats will be strong in for 2009.

Returning offensively will be red-shirt freshman quarterback Carter Kopach who finished the season 124-of-225 passing for 1190 yards, while throwing nine touchdowns and 12 interceptions.

"There's no question, and he'd be the first to admit it, that there is a learning curve with a freshman quarterback," Anderson said.

Also returning is junior quarterback Ben Hempel, who started the season at signal-caller. Hempel played in three games before injury, throwing for 593 yards, with six touchdowns and one interception.

The strength of the Wildcat offense, though, is in the backfield, led by Bossuah.

Hampered by injuries, he rushed for 660 yards in six games and scored five touchdowns.

For the team to have success in the 2009 season, Bossuah will need to once again become the main focal point of the offense.

Along the offensive line, Jack Rustman, Nick Owens, and Jon Otto all return as seniors who helped pave the way for nearly 2,000 yards rushing this season.

"You have to give props and credit to the offensive line, it

should again be a high point for us next season," Bossuah said.

There will be 10-of-11 defensive starters returning next season.

"We had a young defense with a new system and that was a problem area, and now they'll have a second year in the system," Anderson said.

One main contributor coming back will be junior linebacker Nathan Yelk, who had 98 tackles in only eight games. He ranked second in the conference in tackles per game, with 12.

"Hopefully in the offseason of training and spring football and camp, we can get comfortable in what we're doing, so we can play football and not think about it," he said.

Juniors Zach Gauthier, Scott Avery, and Mike Boren join Yelk as senior linebackers in 2009.

"I just try to be the glue of the defense and not let one position get down on themselves or point fingers. We're a unit, we do it together," Yelk said.

"And I think the athleticism and speed to go along with the leadership should provide good things next season," he added.

Strong leadership remains on the Wildcats roster, and it will be up to those new seniors to bring this team where it wants to be next season, Anderson said.

"It's not always who you lose, as it is who's coming back," Anderson said.

Oshkosh wins NMU swim meet, 'B'Gosh'

By Trevor Pellerite
staff writer

Despite a strong resurgence in the second half of the meet, the NMU Swimming and Diving team fell to the UW-Oshkosh Titans by a score of 133-98, in their first home meet of the season.

Computer problems caused the meet to get off to a later than scheduled start, but once events got under way, head coach Bob Laughna was largely pleased with what he saw.

"Everybody swam well," Laughna said.

Most of NMU's strong performances came during the final nine events of the meet, of which the Wildcats won six.

Catherine Sromek got the team its first victory of the day in the 200-yard Individual Medley, with a time of 2:25.33.

"I went in really confident," Sromek said. "[I was] trying to get a [season] best time and I did, by I think a little over a second."

The win is Sromek's first official win since the Green and Gold intrasquad meet.

The 500-yard freestyle race was won by Wildcat Sarah Cempel in a time of 5:39.80. Cempel said she felt considerably better than the prior meet.

"I felt better. I wasn't as tired," she said.

Cempel also took second place in the 1000-yard freestyle.

Additional victories were earned by Emily Olson in the 100-yard butterfly (1:03.31) and Ashley Oliver in the 100-

yard backstroke (1:04.60).

Despite strong performances, Laughna said he was disappointed at several points during the meet.

One example was the 400-yard medley relay, which was the first event of the day. NMU's anchor swimmer left the blocks too early and the team was disqualified. The win would have given Northern an additional eleven team points.

"It would have helped," Laughna said. "We could have gotten first in that one."

Laughna was also disappointed to see several of his athletes held back by illness. The meet marked Hannah Bolger's first competition after a two-week battle with a water-borne parasite. She became sick after drinking unsafe water while on a non-swimming related trip.

Bolger was able to turn in a time of 1:17.36 in the 100-yard breaststroke, just one one-hundredth of a second behind second place.

UW-Oshkosh was led by solid performances by Luci Reichel, who won the 200-yard freestyle (2:06.52) and placed second in the 500-yard freestyle. Also swimming well was Genesis Gruenke, who won the 100-yard breaststroke by nearly two seconds in 1:15.37. The Titans also won both team relays.

Although the 3-meter and 1-meter diving events were held at the meet, UW-Oshkosh did not bring any divers, leaving NMU athletes Kara and Kelli Vander Baan to compete against each other. Kelli took first in both events. Despite the lack of

competition, however, diving coach Andy Ward was pleased with what he saw.

Ward explained that even if they are not competing against anyone at a meet, the girls are always aware that there are limited opportunities to make a national-qualifying score. It is this awareness, coupled with classes and academic obligations, which create great pressure and tough emotions at each meet in which the Vander Baan's compete.

"I thought with some of these emotional disturbances they've had during the week, they did great to pull it all together here," Ward said.

Ward plans to add a couple of more difficult dives to the girls' routines for upcoming competitions.

"They're ready for it," said Ward. "Essentially it's that time of the season for them to go ahead and [try out] this next group of dives. We'll have to wait to see how they perform."

The next meet for the Wildcat swimming squad will be another home meet on Nov. 22 at the PEIF pool. Hillsdale College will visit Marquette, and Laughna expects a tough challenge, as Hillsdale is yet another team that fields a much larger squad than Northern.

Although NMU will be outnumbered in terms of athletes, Laughna is not concerned about Northern's chances.

"It can be done," he said. "We'll be ready."

Events will begin at 11 am.



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NMU's Stephanie Rogaczewski swims during the NMU Green and Gold exhibition.

NMU soccer 'headed' to offseason



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Junior Celia Sturos is one of 11 returning upperclassmen for next season.

By Brice Burge
staff writer

On Nov. 4, Northern Michigan University lost 2-0 against the Ferris State Bulldogs in Big Rapids, Mich., signaling an end to the 2008 season.

"I am sad the season is over. We worked so hard," said senior defender Meghan Sarna. "I wish we could have gone further in the conference tournament. I think we played as best as we could."

Even with the early exit from the postseason, the Wildcats ended with a 11-9-1 overall record, extending the streak of winning seasons to six. NMU's last losing season was in 2002 under head coach Carl Gregor when the team finished 7-12-1.

"I think it would be an injustice to, in any way, say that we didn't have a great season," said current head coach Matt Granstrand. "We played one of the toughest schedules in the country and competed well."

Northern won this season through their defense, by finishing second in both goals and shutouts, behind Division II juggernaut Grand Valley State University. GVSU hasn't lost a con-

ference game since September 2006.

NMU did have some individual players recognized by the conference for seasons. Sarna was named to the All-GLIAC First Team. Of the 11 players given recognition, conference champions GVSU had nine players honored. The other spot was given to midfielder Stephanie Roy of Saginaw Valley.

"I was really shocked," said Sarna. "Back home, we don't really have all-star teams that are picked by coaches, so it is a real honor to be recognized by the conference."

Senior midfielder Brittney Buchanan and sophomore Kari Buckel were named to the All-GLIAC second team.

In conference play, NMU alternated between two sets of three game losing streaks and winning streaks until the last two games of the regular season ended in a tie against Tiffin, and a win against Ashland.

Bright spots on the season are overtime road wins against Findlay and Northwood and new goalie records set by Kara Music

"We couldn't seem to catch

a break sometimes and that certainly tested our character," said Granstrand. "When we reflect on the season though, I think it was the best soccer I have watched since being at Northern and I think that is reflected in our top ten regional ranking."

NMU finished ninth in the Midwest Region this year. To make the NCAA championship bracket, NMU needed to finish in the top six.

Northern will say goodbye to five of their seniors this year. Captains Sarna and Buchanan are joined by forward Casey Wilcox, and midfielders Abbie Debiak and Michaela Harris.

"They took the chance and joined (the team) and helped make the program what it is today: a program that is always regionally ranked and can play anyone in the country," said Granstrand. "It is a very special group to me."

Next year's team will be led by the third and only returning captain, Emily Lockery.

"It is going to be difficult returning without Buchanan and Sarna," Lockery said. "But expect us to come back just as strong next year."

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Event: Student Leader Fellowship Program will meet from 4-5 p.m. in the Charcoal Room and from 5-6:30 p.m. in Pioneer A & B Rooms of the University Center.

Skill Builder: "Deep Muscle Relaxation" will be held from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Pioneer A & B Rooms of the University Center.

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

Event: First Aid Productions will be held from 7-8 p.m. in the Nicolet 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: Free Concert by Wade Fernandez will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Lakes 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: "Cannibal: The Musical" (R) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

Fri., Nov. 14

Skill Builder: "Hakas, Stick Dances, and Pois- New Zealand Dances" will be held from 5:30-7

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

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

Event: Health Awareness Clinics will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Brule 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.

Event: 12th Annual Drag Show starts at 7:30 p.m., doors will open at 7 p.m. in the Berry Events Center. Free to NMU students, \$3 for non-students.

Event: Student String Quartet & Percussion Ensemble will start at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall. Free to all.

Skill Builder: "Hands-on Volunteering at the Marquette County Humane Society" will meet outside the NMU Volunteer Center at 8:30 a.m.

Event: AA meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

Film: "Pineapple Express" will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

Film: "Batman (1989)" will show at 11:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

Sun., Nov. 16

Event: TV-6 Can-a-thon food Drive will be held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. in the Atrium area of the University Center.

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

Event: Studio Percussion Recital will state at 3 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall. Free to all.

Film: "Pineapple Express" will show at 6:30 and 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

Mon., Nov. 17

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

Event: "Four Sheets to the Wind" will show at 6 p.m. in JXJ 102. **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. 18

Skill Builder: "A Top Ten List to Help Make the 2008 Great American Smokeout Work for Someone You Care About (or Maybe Even for You)!" will be held from noon until 1 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

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

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

Wed., Nov. 19

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

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

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Josh — Wow! — **Carson**

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Liam — It's upsetting that we missed a chance to hang out with you last weekend. I hope we get another chance. — **Shane**

Lions — OK, so Kitna was one thing, now we've got a fat fumbler who doesn't even know the offense? GREAT. (Hi, Richie.) — **Shane**

Shane — We love making you miserable every single Sunday — **Lions**

Waddell — I gave you a shout out last week and you apparently didn't read it. This is your last chance. — **Shane**

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Daughter — Of course I'll make you a copy of the DVD. Just send \$25.00 for my VALUABLE time! — **Pa**

Pa — Hey look! A shout out from you! — **Daughter**

Stark — Cheer up work spouse. There is chocolate in the fridge for you. — **Abent**

Katelin — Hi — **Carson**

Roommate — Nice pink sports bra. — **Other Roommate**

Mom — I hope that you are home by the time you read this. And I can't wait for Thanksgiving so I can come back to your critter-filled house. — **Claire**

Whitney Morgan — You are awesome. Thanks so much for the candy and for always lighting up my Wednesdays. — **Ex-Roomie**

Alisha Jean Mayer — Let cook and/or bake things together sometime in the very near future. And keep the kitten from eating my fish! Drag Show on Friday? — **Roommate**

Lucy — Thanks for so patiently doing all those corrections. Your efforts are appreciated. — **Opinions**

Lee — Since I know you read my columns, I hope that you enjoy this one. Although I think I may have exhausted all the health care topics. — **Claire**

Rob — Did you hear that Madonna and Guy Ritchie broke up? Yeah, I totally saw that coming. — **Your Offspring**

Abent — I'm glad you're my work spouse. And thanks for the chocolate. — **Stark**

You — I have no idea what to do this weekend. I'm not very creative. — **Me**

Coldplay — Next time you are so close to the U.P., how about reserving me a couple of free tickets in the front row? — **Not in St. Paul right now**

Melvin — How furious can we get in one week? Too bad we have to deal with all the idiots. Good news is, we have each other! — **Roommate**

Stark — So sorry about the pile of carp. It was not intended to end that way. — **Carson**

Neil McGowan — Sorry I didn't write about you in my section this week. — **Features Editor**

Plagued with CF — Hahaha-haha. — **Holding it in**

Shout Outs — Sometimes, I wish there were less of you. — **Shout Out Writer**

Typo — That sucked. — **The word 'it'**

Bills — Let's get it together for the second half of the season, yeah? — **Sad fan**

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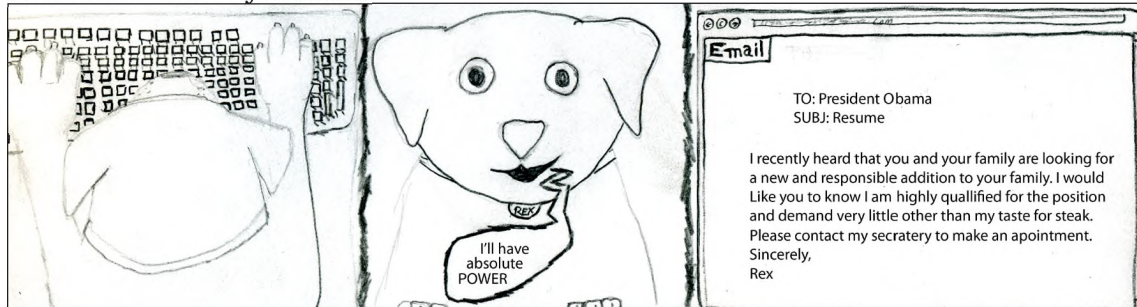
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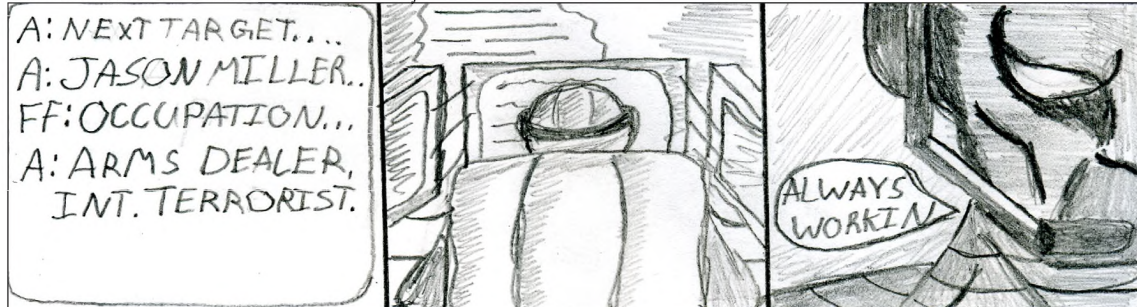
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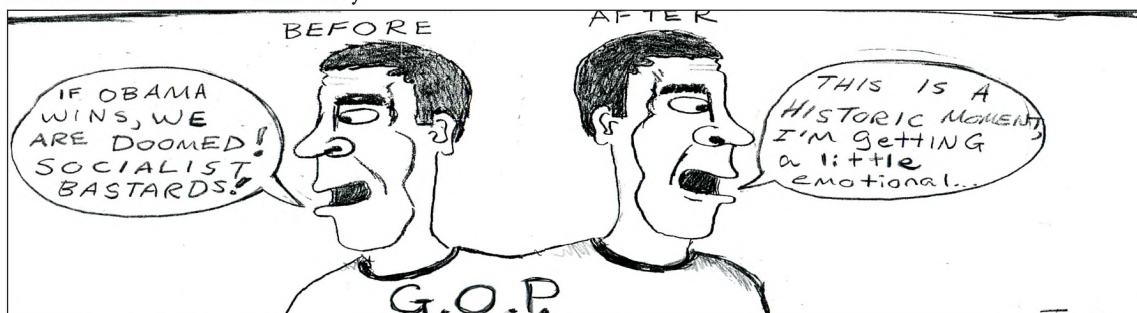
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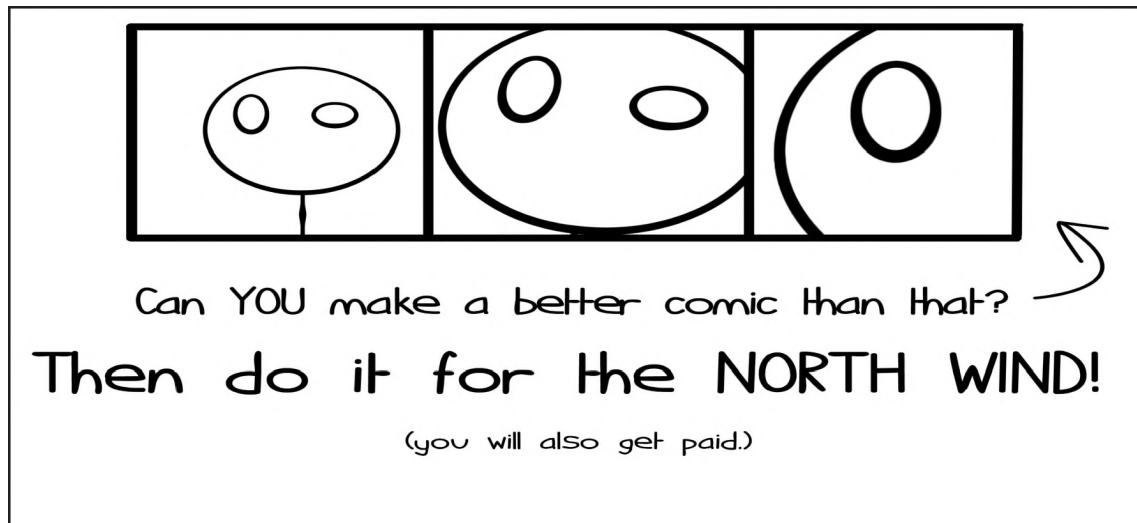
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