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## ASNMU works to make good on plan

By Lucy Hough  
assistant news editor

Hobie Webster won last spring's election for Associated Students of Northern Michigan University (ASNMU) president on the strength of the Eleven Point Pledge in which he promised to better Northern students' everyday lives. He has been working to accomplish these things ever since.

"There's certainly room for improvement; there always is ... but I think we've done really well," said Webster, a senior political science and philosophy major.

Webster said that though he often tends to break off onto tangent projects, the 11-point plan and the high expectations he ran on have helped him more than hurt him.

"I think it's important to challenge yourself and challenge an organization," Webster said.

Others in ASNMU, especially the representatives who do much of the event planning and executing, are not working specifically to fulfill his plan, but feel that the plan has given them an idea of where to focus their efforts.

"I don't know how many representatives have looked at the plan and sat down and said, 'I'm

going to fulfill number seven,' but I think everything on the list people are really working with and working towards," said Amy Hickey, senior international studies major and ASNMU off-campus representative.

Hickey, however, said she believes communication between representatives and those they represent could be improved to make representation of students more adequate, which is something that Webster had hoped to improve.

"I think we just need to take the initiative to get out there more and communicate," Hickey said.

Neal Glatt, a senior marketing and Spanish major and student affairs chair in ASNMU, believes that students outside of ASNMU can help make student government better by voicing their concerns. Glatt ran against Webster in the election last spring, and though he lost, he still works as a representative.

"I'm really ... excited to hear students tell us what they want to see. You hear a lot of students complaining for this or that, but nobody ever goes to ASNMU. I would like to see ASNMU educate students about who we are and what we do, and I would like to see students take action on their

own," Glatt said.

*Below is the pledge Webster made and his evaluation of the work that has been done on each point.*

**1. We will work to create a textbook list to be made available on the ASNMU Web site one month before each semester starts.**

"I wouldn't put this in the 'success' column; I would put it in the 'work in progress' column," said Webster.

He is currently working with the bookstore to have the list available a month before the start of the semester. The bookstore, he said, does not like to post it so far beforehand because so often professors change the books they are using for their classes and students become upset after they have already purchased their books.

**2. We will collaborate with the university authorities to expand available study space for students throughout campus, particularly in the Hedcock Atrium.**

According to Webster, creating a late night study space in Hed-

cock is not plausible because there are too many confidential documents that are not secure enough in nearby offices. This encouraged Webster to consider other options.

"Looking into that, we were able to get enough traction that no matter how much the building is open, we still don't have enough space," he said.

With that in mind, Webster began considering a student union complex. He has begun looking into funding, spoken to people about the actual construction of the building and surveyed students about whether this is a real possibility. Webster is also gathering more support from people around Northern, including President Les Wong.

**3. We will create a grant-writing team to seek funding for student projects.**

"That's the one thing that I would call a failure, but I don't think it's a failure in terms of attempting," Webster said.

Webster has begun to look at tying different grant resources together, rather than creating a team of grant writers. He has spoken to the grant-writing office at Northern briefly about working with

them to make this an option for undergraduate students as well.

"It's an important thing and I haven't forgotten about it, but there are only so many hours in the day," Webster said.

**4. We will work towards making NMU a paperless campus.**

Currently ASNMU is leading by example by making applications, minutes, agendas, and meetings completely paperless — everything is in a digital format.

"We have the most immediate control over what we do. With the exception of posters, we're almost entirely paperless," Webster said.

**5. We will ensure that the ASNMU Web site is edited, updated, and expanded to make it more useful.**

Webster believes the Web site is something that has been an obvious success for ASNMU as they have created a more functional site that offers much of their upcoming events and organizational information.

"The navigation is simpler, there's more information

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## Adjuncts move toward goals

By Lucy Hough  
assistant news editor

Like adjunct faculty across the nation, adjuncts at Northern are facing low pay, minimum job security, no benefits, and limited professional development. They are now looking into ways to improve their working conditions.

Adjunct and contingent faculty are instructors who teach less than 12 credits. They have joined together to form the Coalition of Contingent Faculty (CCF) in order to work collectively to make their working conditions better.

"They don't have union representation, so we've worked really hard to be a single voice for them," said Heidi Stevenson, an adjunct professor in the English and HPER departments and CCF chairwoman.

There are currently 124 adjuncts teaching at Northern during the Fall 2008 semester; graduate assistants are not included

in the CCF because, according to Stevenson, their concerns are different than those of adjuncts. The CCF consists of 40 to 50 adjuncts.

Adjunct faculty, though they teach fewer classes, often have the same educational qualifications and work just as hard as full-time, tenured professors, Stevenson said. However, they lack the health benefits and salary that full-time professors receive which is affecting adjuncts' daily lives.

This is also affecting students because adjuncts who are trying to exist off of this job are forced to get another job to support themselves and are therefore not available to help their students as often as they might like.

"I take what I do very seriously, and I'm sure that the students have very high expectations for us," Stevenson said. "We just want to create working conditions

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Jeff Kitson/NW

**NEIGH!** Horses haul a wagon full of people through the Academic Mall as part of Wednesday's Warming the Holidays event. In addition to the wagon rides, the event featured free hot cocoa, Christmas carols and the lighting of a holiday tree in front of the University Center.

## BRIEFS

### Model U.N. team garners honors

NMU's Model United Nations team won three awards at the annual Chicago competition Nov. 22-25. The members of Northern's Model U.N. Club represented the countries of Costa Rica and Somalia at the four-day event, which serves as a role-play of actual U.N. operations. Club vice-president Karl Mercer invoked the words of the club's president in describing what the club does at competitions. "(Model UN President) Lauren (Mattioli) said it best when she said, 'Model U.N. is like Dungeons and Dragons for Political Science majors,'" Mercer said. At this year's competition, Northern's 30-person team competed against more than 1,000 students from over 60 universities from around the world. Awards were given out based on how well students represented the countries they were portraying. "It's difficult sometimes because you have to know what viewpoint you are supposed to represent," Mercer said. "For example, if you are dealing with the subject of women's rights and you are Saudi Arabia, you have to take a different approach to it." Northern's three awards accounted for 10 percent of the awards given out at the conference.

— Carson LeMahieu

### Performers needed for folk festival

The Beaumier Upper Peninsula Heritage Center is accepting applications from folk artists interested in participating in the second annual U.P. Folklife Festival. Applications and supporting materials are due by Friday, Dec. 12. The festival will be held March 12-22 at NMU. It will feature folk artisans, musicians and storytellers representing the Upper Peninsula's diverse cultural, ethnic and artistic traditions. "The festival is about the heritage of the Upper Peninsula," Beaumier Curator Dan Truckey said. "Everything from quilting, chainsaw artists, folk-art and story-telling will be on display. The selected presenters will receive an honorarium for their participation in the festival along with hotel accommodations. There will be an opening concert and celebration on March 12 in the Forest Roberts Theatre and some evening events the following week. The festival culminates in a full weekend of demonstrations, dancing and workshops on March 20-22 in the University Center. To apply to be a presenter at the U.P. Folklife Festival, download the application from the Beaumier U.P. Heritage Center Web site ([www.nmu.edu/beaumier](http://www.nmu.edu/beaumier)), e-mail the center at [heritage@nmu.edu](mailto:heritage@nmu.edu) or call 906-227-1219.

— Carson LeMahieu

### Commencement speaker named

Gloria Jackson, secretary/treasurer and owner of CableAmerica Corp. in Mesa, Ariz., will be the keynote speaker at Northern's Dec. 13 commencement ceremony. The Marquette native and NMU alumna will also receive an honorary doctor of business degree. Jackson graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from NMU in 1968. She has maintained strong ties to her alma mater, hosting many alumni gatherings at her Arizona home and serving as an NMU Foundation trustee for 19 years. Her passion for higher education has inspired her support of students throughout the Upper Peninsula. She has established endowed scholarships at NMU, Michigan Technological University and Finlandia University. She has also served as chair, secretary and member of the Finlandia Board of Trustees. Pride in her Finnish heritage has kept Jackson active in the American-Finnish community and has led her to travel overseas frequently. She has been a delegate to the Parliament of Expatriates in Helsinki, Finland, a former chair of the Finnish Council in America and a member of the Suomi Seura (Finland Society). She is the honorary consul of Finland for the State of Arizona and chair of the Consular Corps of America. Jackson also is a generous patron of the arts and has helped to build bridges between the arts communities of the Americas and Finland by sponsoring the 2000-03 North American tour of F2F: New Media Art from Finland, an international touring exhibition showcasing works by contemporary media artists. She is a recipient of the Alumni Service Award from NMU, the Silver Award of Merit for promoting Finnish culture from Suomi Seura, the Lion Award from the former Suomi College (now Finlandia University) and an honorary doctor of humane letters from Finlandia University.

— NMU News Bureau



Jeff Kitson/NW

NMU President Les Wong answers a student's question during Tuesday night's Coffee Talk. Wong answered questions from the students in attendance as well as questions submitted online during the week.

## Wong addresses issues at coffee talk

The current economic situation and NMU's upcoming accreditation dominated Tuesday's Coffee Talk with NMU president Les Wong.

"We've been preparing for the economic rundown," Wong said. "We have actually been looking at this for the past year."

The discussion moved on to the possibility that NMU will have to return a small percentage of this year's operating budget to the state. Wong said right now he couldn't make definitive predictions on what will happen to tuition as a result of budget cuts.

"As of today there is no rec-

ommendation that we should raise tuition for winter semester," he said.

Northern's March visit from the accrediting board was also a hot topic at the coffee talk. Several students had raised concern about NMU's chances before the accreditation board.

Wong said the number one question that needs to be addressed is: are students learning?

Wong then introduced Cindy Prosen, associate provost of academic affairs and dean of graduate studies, said students could help with the accreditation efforts by maintaining an enthusiastic

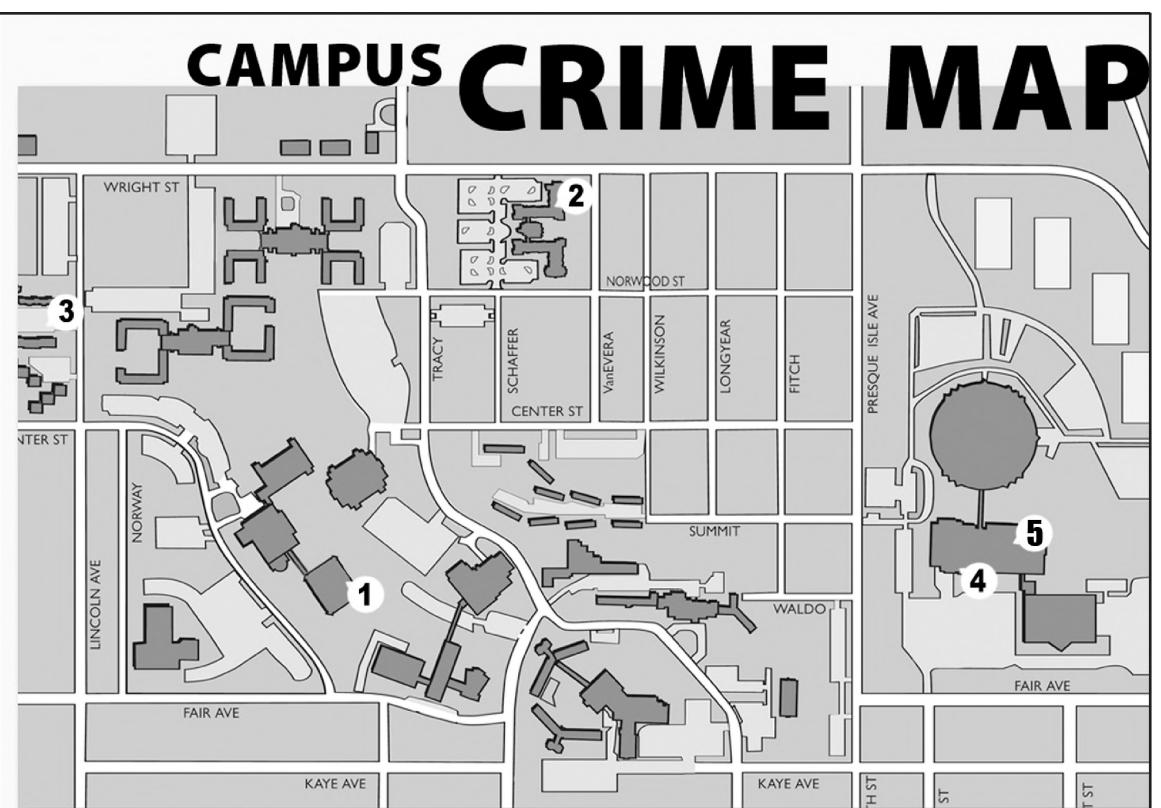
outlook of NMU at a public forum the week of accreditation.

"You can go to this forum and sit in the audience and say, 'Northern Michigan is a great university, and I'm learning a lot — probably more than I ever wanted to know,'" Prosen said.

Wong also addressed the issue of icy sidewalks on campus.

"I hope you all have boots. I hope you all have jackets," Wong said. "Please wear them when it gets cold. We have a great staff but we ask that you all help us out by using your brains."

— Carson LeMahieu



#### Map Key:

1. Two non-students broke a vending machine in Jamrich Hall on Nov. 22 at 10:22 p.m. and took off running. Police apprehended the two and charges are pending.
2. A window was broken in Woodland Apartments on Nov. 23. at 1:30 a.m. There are currently no suspects.
3. A car fire occurred on Dec. 2 at 4:50 p.m. in lot 5 due to a flooded gas fuel line. No injuries occurred from the incident.
4. An iPhone was stolen from the PEIF on Dec. 3 at 2:50 p.m. There are currently no suspects.
5. A purse was stolen from the PEIF on Dec. 3 at 2:50 p.m. There are currently no suspects.

# Snow day policy ensures safety in winter conditions

By Brice Burge  
staff writer

On Nov. 20, high winds, heavy snowfall, low visibility and slick roads made walking around campus and travelling home extremely difficult, prompting administrators to cancel the evening classes.

In such situations, NMU typically cancels classes, closes offices and curtails services.

The decision to shut down the campus is made by Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Susan Koch with help from the Public Safety Director Ken Chant. The two discuss the impending weather conditions using information from sources such as the National Weather Service, the Marquette County Central Dispatch and local media for other local cancellations.

"For me, safety is always the paramount consideration," Koch said. "I certainly don't want to call an unnecessary snow day; but I would rather err on the side of safety than anything else."

The decision making process can start as early as 4 a.m. for full day cancellations, according to Chant. Factors he considers include whether the NMU groundskeepers can keep pace with the snowfall and whether poor road condition and limited visibility pose a danger to students and staff traveling to and from campus.

After the information is gathered, Chant will make the call to Koch to decide whether or not to have classes. The decision to cancel classes is made by 7 a.m., but

the two try to make the decision as soon as possible. The process is repeated at 2 p.m. in case of evening cancellations and that announcement is made by 3 p.m. or sooner.

The policy, however, does raise some questions. One of them is what to do for bitter cold.

"Over the years, the university has closed once for cold, and it was minus 50 with the wind chill," said Chant. "But with the amount of snow we get here, the cold isn't as big of an issue."

Chant added that NMU has looked into changing the policy to include cold, but the National Weather Service does not have any benchmarks to define a day as being too cold.

If the call is made to cancel classes, the university then has to let students, staff and faculty know.

"The announcement comes out of Public Safety," said Chant. "From there we use the BRRR-line, and send out text messages and e-mails. If you signed up for the emergency text system, then you should get that."

The BRRR line (227-2777) is the Northern's official inclement weather phone line, where an automated message says whether or not school is cancelled for the day.

Public Safety also informs local media of the cancellation and calls are also sent out to on-campus housing staff members.

However, some staff members still must come to work regardless of the weather. Workers at

the Ripley Heating Plant, Public Safety and Dining Services are required to keep the essential parts of Northern still moving.

The biggest downside of having a snow day is the loss of time for professors with their students, according to Koch.

"Losing an academic day or part of a day is a relatively big issue for faculty who have important academic goals that they are trying to achieve within a limited time frame," said Koch. "The loss of a day, though not necessarily or always a major problem, does affect classes in that it requires that the instructor make alternative plans for meeting the learning objectives for that particular day," she added.

The policy does say "Regardless of any official action taken, or not taken, by the university, reasonable judgment should be considered regarding your own safety." This means that students and staff should look at their unique situation before trying to come to campus, something that Koch and Chant both stressed.

"Individual students' situations may vary depending on where they are coming from for class, say, a residence hall compared to 30 miles from campus, since weather conditions in the U.P. can vary tremendously within a small geographical area. My expectation is that students will use reasonable judgment in consideration of their own circumstances when making decisions about attending class during inclement weather," said Koch.

# Operation Outcry shares its stance

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

As far as Tammy Holly, the Michigan team leader of Operation Outcry, is concerned, the legalization of abortion in this country was the beginning of what she called an American Holocaust.

"(Abortion) has affected our lives permanently," she said to a group of about 25 in Jamrich 101. "It hurts women, it hurts men, it hurts families, it has completely hurt this American culture we live in and it has hurt cultures around the world today."

Holly and Shelley Asbury, spoke about their own experiences with abortion as a part of Operation Outcry, a pro-life group committed to making all types of abortion illegal. The event was sponsored by Northern Michigan University Students For Life.

Both Holly and Asbury said one of the major problems with abortion is the fact that many people who have them choose to not talk about it.

"Basically, it stays hidden, it stays a secret, secrets make you sick, and that's what's happening in our country," Asbury said.

While both women discussed statistics about abortion, they spent most of their time talking about the emotional and physical impacts women experience after having an abortion.

Some symptoms of post-abortion syndrome include, in-

tense grief, fear, guilt, anxiety, anger and paralyzing depression, along with suicidal thoughts and attempts, Holly said. Often, women who've had abortions have to deal with drug and alcohol abuse, nightmares and relationship problems with spouses and children, she added.

However, Holly said it's not just post-abortive women who suffer from abortions: Men do as well.

"Men are just as affected by this as women are, so don't ever take them out of the picture," she said. "It takes two, right?"

And while men can suffer the after-effects of an abortion, it is still women who must undergo the procedure. Both Holly and Asbury told of the abortions they had when they were younger.

Asbury decided to abort her first child when she was 20, and said she still feels the effects of that today.

"I want women to know the truth about abortion," she said. "I chose death for my baby. I had no idea of the consequences I would suffer later."

Asbury said she didn't remember the actual abortion because she was put to sleep during the procedure. Once it was done, she said she felt relieved for a short time, but it didn't take long for her to regret her decision.

"As my life continued ... the facts became chillingly real to me. I took part in slaughtering

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available, it's easier to update. With the new Web site, it opens so many more doors for us. It's much like my job; there's always room for improvement, but it's up, it's better placed," Webster said.

**6. We will create a constituent database so representatives can regularly update the student body on ASNMU's activities.**

Webster had initially planned on sending a mass e-mail to every student with updates about what ASNMU is doing, but instead he has decided to use a blog on the newly updated Web site to allow for instant feedback.

He said it accomplishes three things: ASNMU can post about what events it is hosting, students can give feedback, specifically approval and disapproval, and also students can offer suggestions for events or ways to improve.

The Web site and blog can be found at [asnmnu.nmu.edu](http://asnmnu.nmu.edu).

**7. We will promote the estab-**

**ishment of Martin Luther King Day as a campus-wide holiday.**

Webster is speaking with people at the University of Michigan-Flint who celebrate Martin Luther King Day by participating in a "day-on," which is a day of mass volunteerism. Classes are still held on that day, but professors can cancel class if they choose or any student who wishes to volunteer can have a form filled out and be excused from class.

Webster believes that this option will be more successful than the events that have been held in the past, which have been poorly attended.

"If we can start a precedent where we have a day-on mentality where people are not sitting in a classroom like they normally would, but they are cognizant of the fact that it is Martin Luther King Day and they are out volunteering, that makes them active members in what his message was," Webster said.

**8. We will refine and clarify the ASNMU Election Bylaws.**

Due to ambiguities in ASNMU elections in 2007 and 2008,

such as having to recount votes and misinterpretation of the election bylaws, this is something that Webster wanted to clear up. Also, Webster hopes to make a greater effort to get students excited about voting.

According to Webster, during an election the tradition has been for ASNMU to step aside and let the candidates encourage people to vote, but he believes this re-



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sponsibility should be ASNMU's. "The student government needs to take an active role in informing people, and I don't think that was done as well as it could have been ... but I think we need to be involved so that students know there is an election," he said.

Webster hopes to achieve greater turnout by spreading the voting process over an entire week to allow more people the

opportunity to vote.

**9. We will improve the ASNMU Constitution in regards to simplicity and effectiveness.**

Webster said that this is something that was the concern of many people who were running last winter. The ASNMU constitution is not very clear in its interpretation, and he wanted to make it a priority to make it very clear what was to be expected of the student government.

They failed to complete this task thus far.

**10. We will promote increased professionalism amongst ASNMU representatives and executive board members.**

"The office, I hope, looks like a place where things are taken seriously, that students are taken seriously, (and) where people have the opportunity to interact in a professional manner," Webster said.

Changing the physical makeup of the office was a large part of increasing professionalism. During the summer, Webster and Holly Kasberger, a junior economics

and political science major and ASNMU chair of the assembly, revamped the entire office including new furniture, donated by Steelcase company, and a fresh coat of paint.

**11. We will expand the involvement and influence of ASNMU in campus affairs.**

A large priority of ASNMU this semester has been to make the student government more active on campus, and Webster believes he has made this happen.

The creation of the External Affairs Committee, an ASNMU group that works with local and regional matters, is a way to make the community aware of Northern and ASNMU.

Webster believes that ASNMU has created a great presence on campus with programs like giving away free "green books" and the Online Syllabus Program, both programs that students can use.

"I don't think there's any way to gauge the amount of influence we have on campus ... but I think it's better," Webster said. "That's one of those things that people will have to judge for themselves."

# Unique courses still have vacancies

By Jackie Stark  
managing editor

As the Fall semester draws to a close, most NMU students have already registered for their courses in the coming Winter semester. However, Northern offers several Special Topics courses in different departments throughout the university. A few of those courses are highlighted in the following sections:

**EC 495: Monetary Theory**  
**Prerequisites:** EC 201 and 202  
**Time:** MW, 12 a.m.-1:40 p.m.  
**Professor:** Chris Kauffman

This course will focus on the federal reserve bank and how it functions using monetary policy within the current economic climate, Kauffman said, adding that students will examine different theories and policies that might impact the economy.

"The actions of the federal

reserve and monetary policy impact daily lives," Kauffman said. "(Students should take this class) especially if they have any interest in the financial economy or economics."

**MS 295B: Army Historical Research/American Military History**  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Time:** TR, 10-11:40 a.m.  
**Professor:** Lt. Cl. John Moschetti, U.S. Army Retired

The course will focus on the entire scope of U.S. military operations from the colonial period up through the global war on terror, Moschetti said, adding that students will have the opportunity to see how different wars have affected American society. The role the military has played in operations during peacetime will also be covered.

"I think it's unique on the campus because there is no other course that really focuses on mili-

tary operations, as such," Moschetti said. "We look at involving leadership technology, strategy and tactic from the colonial period all the way up through today, and I don't think there's anything on campus that really fits that bill."

**EN 495, PS 495: The First Amendment**  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Time:** MW 1-2:40 p.m.  
**Professor:** Cate Terwilliger

This class uses the First Amendment to explore the meaning of free expression in the United States, including freedom of religion, speech, press and assembly, Terwilliger said. The course is discussion based, so students can expect to do a lot of reading and should be willing to speak up in class, she added.

"I look holistically at this class about being an informed and engaged citizen, about helping to educate yourself so you can fulfill your responsibility as an Ameri-

can," Terwilliger said.

**HS 295: The Second World War**  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Time:** Sat. 9 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.  
**Professor:** Frederick H. Stenkamp

This course's main focus will be on the Second World War and the countries involved in it, Stenkamp said. Some post-war impact will also be covered, he added.

"(Students should take this course) if they have an interest in that sort of thing," Stenkamp said. "After all, we're still under the consequences of that war, even though it ended 60 years ago."

**NAS 295: History of Indian Boarding Schools**  
**Prerequisites:** None  
**Time:** TR 4-5:40 p.m.  
**Professor:** Grace Challier

The course will focus on the reasons for instituting Native

American boarding schools in the United States and Canada, as well as the effects of those who attended them, up to the present day, Challier said.

"I think (Native American boarding schools are) historically a part of our background in the history of the United States, a lot of people don't know about them," she said. "As far as education is concerned, it's a part of our educational history, and if you are an education major in particular, it would be valuable for you, as a person, to know what went on in this country, and hopefully be a more sympathetic and more open-minded teacher in the classroom."

Online registration is open through the winter break. All of the highlighted courses still have several seats available.

*Editor's note: Cate Terwilliger is the faculty advisor for The North Wind.*

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my first baby," she said.

It wasn't until she found her faith in the Catholic Church that she began to heal, she said, adding that now she speaks as a part of Operation Outcry so that other women won't have to go through what she went through.

Holly, also a Christian, spoke of the healing power of God during her personal story as well, saying that becoming a Christian helped her heal from the pain of her own abortion, which she had when she was 17. It was her parents' decision to have the procedure done, and Holly said that though she didn't want to have the abortion, she felt she had no choice.

"I felt like a frightened, trapped animal that had been

backed into a corner," she said. She was eleven weeks along when she had the abortion, and the procedure could only be done up to 12 weeks of pregnancy.

She was not put to sleep during her abortion, so she was able to recount what was happening during the procedure.

"I screamed at the sound of the suction machine only to have three nurses hold me down and tell me I needed to be quiet so I wouldn't disturb others waiting outside the room," she said. "I left that day feeling empty, torn apart, abused and totally violated."

Both women said their decisions to have abortions were made rashly.

"Abortion does not rid you of a problem," Asbury said. "It only makes your problems that much more complicated."



Jeff Kitson/NW

Tammy Holly speaks at the Operation Outcry event in Jamrich 101. The event was held to share to the stories of women who have had an abortion and to highlight what they consider to be alarming abortion statistics

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that enable adjunct faculty to do the best job that they can and offer the university community the best that they can."

The CCF is working to create a stronger voice by encouraging more adjunct faculty to become active in the group and make campus more aware of their presence by holding meetings for adjuncts and with "Be Kind to Adjuncts Day," a day in which adjuncts wore a green shirt that said "NMU works because adjuncts do."

"We are working on organizing ourselves tighter as a group, so that we can say 'Hey, we have an organization behind us, we're here and we're not going to go away,'" said Aimee Cree Dunn, adjunct instructor with the Center

for Native American Studies and Web master for CCF.

All adjuncts' situations are different; some have a full-time, nonteaching job and others prefer to primarily teach but have to take on other jobs to support themselves because their pay from the university is not adequate.

"I keep joking we should hold free workshops for adjuncts about how to apply for food stamps; for some adjuncts this is a reality because we cannot live off of this," Dunn said.

The CCF is currently looking at options for bettering the circumstances of adjuncts. According to Stevenson, joining a union is among the possibilities because it will allow contingent faculty to enter into a binding contract with administration that will help secure what adjuncts are lacking, such as regular pay

raises and health benefits.

Joining a union is not the CCF's only option, however; they could operate as an individual organization or they could create a chapter of a union that already exists. According to Stevenson, however, the CCF will not move forward until they hear from more contingent faculty and find out about the problems they face working at Northern.

Adjuncts are not included in Northern's chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), the union for full-time faculty. Joining the AAUP, creating a new chapter of the AAUP or joining a different union are among the options the CCF can consider, according to Rebecca Mead, an associate professor of history and chairwoman of the AAUP's Committee O, for organization and outreach.

Mead said the best option for

contingent faculty is to join a union, because it provides many benefits that an organization cannot offer.

"Having a separate organization is great, but ... you don't have that guarantee without a union and the backing of the law to support you," Mead said.

During the winter semester, the CCF will host an event to inform adjuncts about the research they are doing and options that other universities have adopted throughout the nation. Also, Cynthia Prosen, associate provost for academic affairs and dean of graduate studies, will host a luncheon for adjuncts that will allow them to talk with other adjuncts.

"I think it's important for them to go to meetings and hear what their peers are doing," Prosen said.

Prosen, the point person for contingent faculty, also said that

she is working to help adjunct faculty have access to professional development, something they currently lack.

"They're teaching and they kind of feel like they're running in place and they're not getting forward because they don't have any professional development opportunity," she said.

Prosen said she does not believe the conditions that adjunct faculty face are negatively affecting students. Rather, she said, they offer students a different perspective that often cannot be found in other classrooms. She said she believes that adjuncts work especially hard and would not be teaching at Northern if they didn't love to do it.

"I also think that students should be appreciative of the work that adjuncts do. Sometimes I'm not sure that that is fully appreciated," Prosen said.

# Study to research behaviors of U.P. homeless

By Kate Anala  
contributing writer

Homelessness in the Upper Peninsula does exist, and NMU student Francois Vachon is researching this firsthand.

With the help of Tim Hilton and sociology professor Cornell DeJong, Vachon, a senior majoring in sociology, is examining the day-to-day life of the homeless in the U.P. The focus of the study is to examine the coping strategies

of a homeless person in a cold rural environment.

"I wanted to do research, so I knocked on (professors') doors," Vachon explained.

He went around the Sociology Department, asking if there was a study he could conduct. Hilton and DeJong had a research proposal for Vachon.

"We were looking for a project to do, and Cornell and I were kind of pondering a current one," Hilton explained.

According to the researchers, the project was started at the end of May, and it will continue for about seven years.

Many would argue that homelessness doesn't exist in the U.P., but the three researchers say this is because of the stereotypes people have of the homeless.

"We look at Detroit and D.C. and think of the cardboard boxes. Homeless people around here are hidden," DeJong explained.

Hilton agreed with DeJong's

assessment.

"People who are 'good' at being homeless are adaptive. They don't get noticed," Hilton said.

According to the researchers, studies like this are mostly done in big cities; rural areas have not been studied in-depth. Vachon, Hilton and DeJong are taking the "homeless perspective" in hopes of finding the "cracks" in the social service system.

"The needs far outweigh what's available," Hilton explained. "There are cracks; things that don't seem to fit."

While doing the study, they found that the subjects have regular relationships with their family and friends. Hilton said a common misconception is that they don't have anyone to turn to, and that's why they are homeless.

This is not always the case, he explained. The family and friends provide what they can. Sometimes, family members don't have the resources themselves, but they usually help a loved one who is homeless.

Vachon felt studying homelessness in the U.P. was important because if people are aware, they can help. He believes the Marquette community can come together to help those who have been down on their luck. Being an NMU student, Vachon encouraged his fellow students to help this cause.

"Students can volunteer at

places like Room at the Inn," he said. "They can also contribute and help community members."

Hilton and DeJong agreed that awareness of homelessness is the main issue.

"The issue is not easy to see. We need to devote energy and resources to this," explained Hilton. "We can see how to make people's lives better. This study is providing an example."

Hilton and DeJong encouraged NMU students to volunteer, as well.

"In many of your occupations you are going to encounter homeless people...doctors, nurses, teachers, psychologists (all encounter the homeless)," DeJong said. "Having some sensitivity and knowing what their life is like will help."

DeJong commented on Francois' experience.

"He got to work on the project, develop the proposal, work on the human subject committee, set up and conduct interviews, give research presentations," he said. "This is good experience. And he can use this when he goes to grad school."

Vachon feels fortunate to be part of this research project.

"It's been amazing," said Vachon, reflecting on his experience. "I love it. You can learn in classes, but this is hands on. I feel like I'm making a contribution (and) really making a difference."



Photo provided by Cornell DeJong

A homeless person's lean-to sits in the woods outside of the city of Marquette. A Northern student and two faculty members are researching homelessness in the Upper Peninsula.

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## Staff Editorial

# ASNMU needs focus

When Hobie Webster took over as ASNMU president in April of this year, he did so with the help of the Eleven Point Pledge that he made to the students of Northern Michigan University. The pledge was to serve as a sort of roadmap for ASNMU during Webster's time in office.

Eight months have passed since the new president was sworn in and ASNMU is visibly more active than it has been in years. But it seems that Webster's heavily hyped pledge has proven to be less of a roadmap for ASNMU and more of a vague foundation for future activity.

In a recent interview, Webster told North Wind reporter Lucy Hough that there is only one point of the pledge — the creation of a grant-writing team — that ASNMU has not completed or is not ready to complete. When the pledge is reviewed, however, it is clear that this isn't exactly true.

For instance, Webster wanted to "work toward making NMU a paperless campus" and says that ASNMU is now a paperless organization. But that falls short of impacting the entire campus by pushing the university and the student body to embrace a paperless lifestyle, as well. ASNMU should, at the least, actively advocate a move away from paper for the entire university community.

The pledge also called for increased study space on campus, and the hope was to focus this effort on the Hedgcock Atrium. When the university was not open to altering Hedgcock to be more study-friendly, Webster began formulating plans, with the help of NMU administrators, for a student union to serve the purpose. And while a student union is a very respectable goal, it obviously won't be completed for years. The students who elected Webster on the strength of his pledge likely won't even be here when a student union is completed and they need more study space now.

On the positive side, Webster has spearheaded the creation of a committee that will give NMU better representation in Lansing, and is exploring the possibility of a volunteering-based holiday on Martin Luther King Day. Under his guidance, ASNMU has launched a new Web site and is working to make the NMU Bookstore's list of required books available to students sooner. These were all points in the pledge, as well.

And while no one, including Webster, seriously expected ASNMU to achieve all 11 goals within a single semester, there is still clear room for improvement. ASNMU should revisit the Eleven Point Pledge and refocus their efforts, finding study space for students on a paperless campus.

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What do NMU students think Hobie should have added to his 11 point pledge?

- 44% Abolish roommates by 2010.
- 20% Beer fountain in NMU Marketplace.
- 15% Plagiarised-paper sales in basement of LRC.
- 13% Elevators and/or Wonkavators in dormitories.
- 8% Require public safety golf carts to blast *Bad Boys* from speakers.

## Letters to the Editor

### Peaceful protest necessary for change

I wanted to respond to the Nov. 20 article on the protest of the passage of Proposition 8. I thought if there was ever a vote on a similar measure here in Michigan I would be on the side of gay marriage, but the protests (not the peaceful demonstration here in Marquette) that have been happening since the passage of Proposition 8 have changed my mind.

I have heard many gay activists say they don't want to push their views on anyone else but I have watched church after church infiltrated by gay activists, interrupting services and throwing literature on the floor of pulpits. Now I am concerned the gay community will push their views on others.

Some states already allow civil unions, but to call it marriage rather than a civil union, it would then be considered a civil right and every church in America would have to marry gays or else face discrimination law suits or lose their tax-exemption status. I think if marriage was redefined, many gays would demand to be married in churches; churches that don't want to perform their religious ceremonies because of their beliefs.

I also wonder where the tolerance is from the gay community. It is sad to say I am starting to get used to the gay activists bigotry toward the religious communities, but I haven't heard the racist slang toward the African American community from the gay activists until now.

I think people should respect our democratic process. Proposition 8 was passed by 52 percent of the voters in California. If the gay community wants marriage rather than civil unions, they should protest peacefully. The gay community just has to bring more people to their cause, however I don't think invading churches or bigotry toward other minority groups does anything to help their cause. Instead it alienates the very people they need in order to have the right to marry.

**Erica Trembath**  
 senior, political science

### Utilize Plan First!

I'm writing this letter in response to Claire Abent's Nov. 13 article regarding the Michigan family planning program Plan First! I first want to say that I appreciate Abent making NMU students aware of this extremely helpful program.

Not only can contraceptives be very expensive for women, but the plan also covers pregnancy tests, emergency contraception and annual gynecological exams which can cost upward of \$150 to \$200. What I wish Abent would have included in her article is where and how women can sign up for the Plan First! program.

When turning in a Plan First! application, it is necessary to prove citizenship and identity. This can be done with a copy of a passport, or a combination of a copy of a birth certificate (citizenship) and driver license (identity). If you have insurance coverage, a copy of the front and back of the insurance card must also be sent. Applications are available online at <https://healthcare4mi.com/michild-web/> or at the Health Promotion Office on campus or at Planned Parenthood Health Center on Third Street.

After applying for Plan First! it may take up to 4 to 6 weeks to hear anything from the state, but do not be discouraged — the program is well worth the wait.

I want to encourage all women eligible for the program to apply and let the state know that family planning is important to Michigan women.

**Karlee Ericksen**  
 Marquette, MI

### Health promotion classes of value

As head of the Department of Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER), I appreciated The North Wind's Nov. 20 editorial regarding our course, HP 200 Physical Well Being. As was pointed out, HP 200 is an NMU graduation requirement. We recommend that students enroll in this course as early as possible in

their curriculum.

These classes are taught by regular faculty, adjunct faculty and graduate teaching assistants. This semester we have 10 sections taught by faculty with advanced degrees in exercise science and 11 sections taught by graduate teaching assistants who are all in the graduate exercise science program.

We are well aware that not every student is as excited as we are about the subject matter contained within the course. That's understandable. We make every effort to have the course content factually current, meaningful and interesting. Student course evaluations, which are done for every course section and which I review, are uniformly positive regarding both the course content and the instructors' ability to conduct the course.

It would be useful to remember that HP 200 is neither an activity nor a fitness class. It is a lecture course with homework assignments that may involve personal assessments. There are also several related personal health topics that are discussed, such as prevention of alcohol abuse, early disease detection and health promoting behaviors. As such, it is the role of the instructor to help the class, rather than the individual, develop an understanding of how to use the information gathered.

While the editorial concentrated on the HP 200 requirement, I'd like to mention the other one credit graduation requirement, an HP activity course. This semester is quite typical. We are offering a total of 59 sections of 37 different activities. We have enrolled a total of 1,394 students in these classes. Several class offerings, such as archery, dance classes and Tai Chi, are the result of requests from students. We make every effort to find skilled instructors from among the university and surrounding communities.

It is our sincere hope that students will, after taking an HP course, learn new skills, develop positive attitudes and gain the information they need to live a more active life.

**Harvey Wallace**  
 HPER Department head

# Give more than just gifts this season



## For What It's Worth

Claire Abent

As the holiday season is upon us, thoughts of gift giving, get-togethers and an endless amount of food comes to mind. But it is the approach of the holiday season that often makes me remember that the best things about the holidays aren't things at all.

After all, it's very easy, and very American, to get excited about the prospect of new things. When I watched the news on Black Friday, I was horrified that we live in a time where lives can be lost in the pursuit of a good sale.

But the holidays shouldn't be like that, nor do they have to be. There is plenty about holidays that goes beyond shopping.

It's during the holidays that I'm reminded of the year my family "adopted" a less fortunate family through our church. We collected money and then used it to make sure the family had a

wonderful Christmas. We bought them Christmas dinner, extra food and even presents for all of the family members. But the part of the experience that had the biggest impact was when I went across town, with my own family, to deliver everything to them. I saw, with my young eyes, what it would be like if I wasn't as fortunate as I was.

Not only did it make me thankful for what I did have, but it was something that I always think about every time I find myself getting caught up in the season.

Giving your time is always more personal than giving money and it allows you to experience the impact of your actions. This is especially relevant with the currently crumbling American economy. This year people may find themselves not able to donate money to charities as they normally would during the holiday season. But there are plenty of ways to give little things, like time, instead of money, that can make just as much of an impact.

In Marquette, there are plenty of volunteer opportunities during this time of year. The Volunteer

Center at NMU is a great place to start when looking for volunteer opportunities. But if you don't have a lot of time to dedicate to a specific organization or outreach, there are still ways to help out.

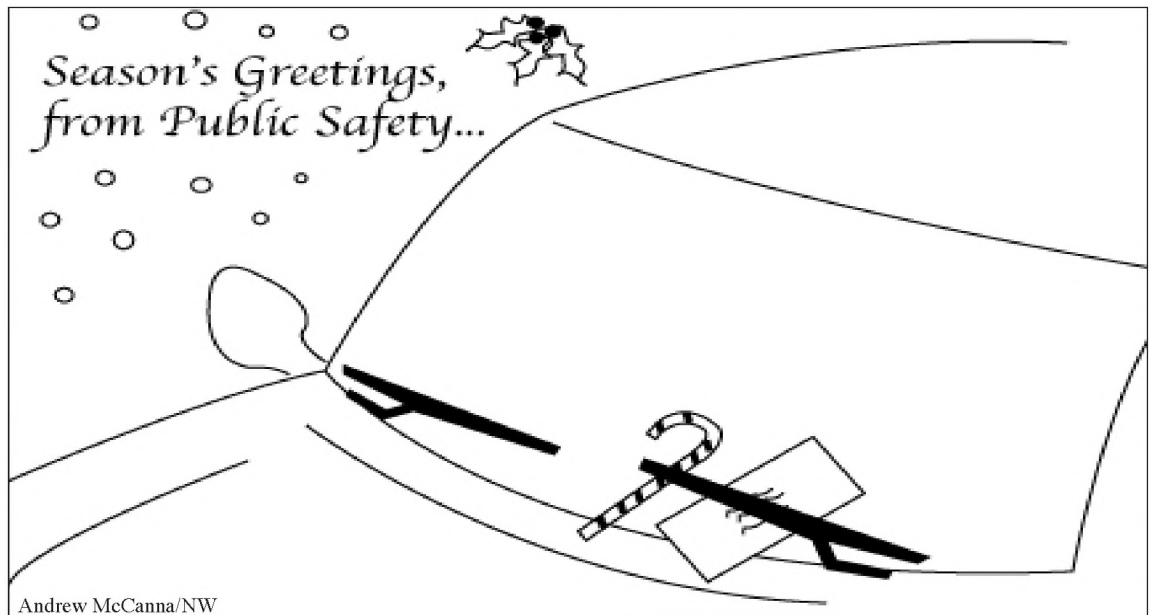
It doesn't have to be much to make a big difference to someone. Simply shoveling the walk of an elderly neighbor can mean a lot to him or her and even make you feel better about yourself. It is not at all tough to donate a few cans of food

to a food bank or clean out your closet and donate your old clothing. Return all those beer bottles in your basement and put the profits in the Salvation Army bucket outside of the grocery store.

The holiday season isn't really all about trees, lights, wrapping paper and the newest iPod. The holidays should be about people, sharing and appreciating what you've got, something that I actively do. Not only do I have a

loving family and good health, but I was afforded the opportunity to go to college and get an education.

So when your finals are all done and you're sitting the couch in your underwear watching The Hills, take the time to consider the lives of others. Give a little bit of yourself this holiday season — work in a soup kitchen or help out at the senior center. It doesn't take much time and you will end up thanking yourself.



# Civil rights should be extended to all



## Guest Column

Tom Cory

Within the last century this nation has seen a lot of progress concerning civil rights, most of which can be viewed in a positive light, as many laws have been enacted to protect American citizens. Those advances aside, there is still a lot of work that can be done to extend civil rights to all citizens, regardless of sexual orientation. For homosexual couples to experience the same rights and benefits endowed to heterosexual couples is the only truly righteous course for our nation if we are to continue to assert that this is indeed a land of the free.

With the recent passage of Proposal 8 in California, as well as similar measures in Arizona and Florida, many Americans are mourning a wave of discriminatory laws. These laws represent a clear line in the sand, as well as a step back in our progress toward becoming a truly civilized society. The laws have passed, but the fire it started is not out yet. These proposals represent one of America's greatest barriers to securing civil rights for all.

When considering a civil right's validity, the premise of the right must transcend any man-made prejudice. Therein lies the problem; many rights in question are man-made constructs which have been mistaken for being divine philosophies; such as marriage. While marriage has long been a benefit to society, there is nothing to prove that homosexual

marriage will make the world stop spinning or cause any egregious harm.

Discriminatory laws such as Proposal 8 and Michigan's own 2004 "Defense of Marriage Amendment," ought to worry all minorities, not just homosexuals. Advocacy is not a monolithic entity, but requires many speaking for the few. Many in the opposition claim to represent traditional values, but there is no value more traditional than love.

In the end, both sides of the debate want a functioning society with moral obligations. Marriage itself is a moral contract made between individuals, so why should anyone seek to limit the selflessness that marriage brings?

The government ought to make marriage laws gender-blind, and let individuals stipulate the terms on which they wed. It is an issue

of rights, not religious formalities.

Now is the hour for introspection and honesty, not delusion, because we have never been a nation of blond-haired blue-eyed heterosexuals. In this day and age, we as a society would never again accept any governmental unit that proudly displays a banner welcoming "whites only."

Yet, so many in our great society seem to accept a government that proclaims "heterosexuals only" when extending rights. As a people, this nation has come far enough that it is hard for many born in the last 20 years to grasp what it meant to live in a polarized society with a defined margin, as America was during much of its history, and still is for all too many.

For some, these laws feel like a gunshot in the dark by a man

who is now in the back pew, acting like nothing ever happened. Don't be fooled; a large blow has been dealt to civil rights. Repercussions still permeate our society; Michigan's own anti-gay marriage amendment just recently celebrated its four year anniversary, while countless happy couples only dreamt of celebrating their own.

While going forth in the battle for equal rights, whether homosexual or straight, please ask yourself whether or not it is OK for the government to formalize discrimination while placing religious ideologies as the crux of America's moral center.

Hopefully, more Americans will look past ancient texts, and see what nations are capable of becoming once they reject prejudice and seek to make the world a prosperous land for all.

## Sound Off

What are your plans for winter break?

Compiled by Brittany McIntire



**Eric Schleicher**  
senior, digital cinema  
*"Going to Big Sky, Mont. and snowboarding."*



**Kelly Coulter**  
senior, social work  
*"Going home, working and getting an ultrasound to find out if the baby is a boy or a girl."*



**Jake Schenden**  
senior, economics  
*"Staying in Marquette, working, skiing and enjoying not being in school."*



**Rachel Niemela**  
senior, elementary education  
*"Traveling."*



**Mark Flemming**  
sophomore, art and design  
*"Going home to work at the local newspaper."*

# Hunters need to question their ethics



**Staff Column**

**Josh Snyder**

Michigan is a state full of hunters. According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, there are over 750,000 registered hunters throughout the state. It's been ingrained in our culture for so long, through TV shows and programs that get kids out hunting at a young age, that most don't even question it. However, hunting is an outdated practice, and just because it's a part of our culture doesn't mean it's justifiable.

Like dogs or cats, deer are mammals — in other words, they're conscious beings fully capable of feeling fear, anxiety and pain, both physically and emotionally. It's wrong to exploit these animals and knowingly put

them in a state of emotional pain. Hunting is warranted only when survival is at stake — it's not morally justifiable just so you can bag a buck and mount its head on your wall. You wouldn't kill your pet dog or cat and make a meal out of it. So what makes killing a deer any different? Some would argue that they have an emotional attachment to their pets and not to every deer. But just because you don't have a strong personal connection to every deer doesn't mean it's acceptable to kill them.

However, it would be incorrect for me to assume that all hunters are evil, red-eyed mad men or women stalking Bambi just to slaughter him for no reason than to get a sick laugh out of it. Hunters are not bad people — they're not evil and most of them are respectable. The problem is that hunting is so ingrained in our culture that many of them don't even question what they're doing.

But it's not just hunters that need to do reevaluate the moral im-

plications of their actions. The one positive about hunting is that it's a more ethical means of obtaining meat than getting it from a factory farm. There is perhaps nothing more hypocritical than people who say hunting is disgusting as they eat a chicken sandwich. Even if you're fine with hunting, there is no argument that justifies getting meat from farms that exploit animals in such a cruel and inhumane manner.

The reason people continue to hunt and non-hunters continue to both support and encourage it is because it was accepted as a tool for survival. Up until recently, grocery stores didn't exist — the only way to get food was to either grow it or hunt for it. In today's world we have such stores, giving us no reason to hunt. We don't even need to eat meat anymore with the robust produce departments each store has.

There are many other justifications hunters use to legitimize the activity. Hunters say that it's ac-

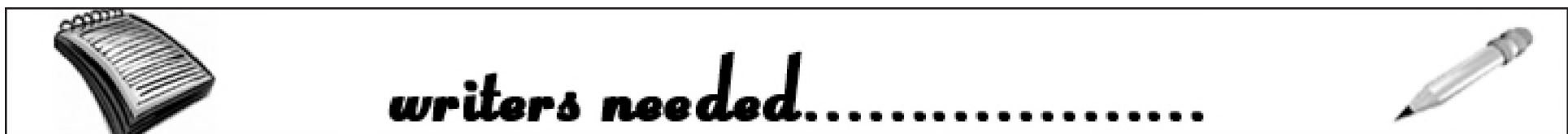
ceptable because it's a sport, it's a tradition and a right and they don't waste any venison from a deer they kill. None of these can justify the unethical nature of hunting. Although one can look at hunting as a legitimate outdoor sport, like hiking or mountain biking, the difference is that, unlike hiking or mountain biking, hunting requires killing a conscious being. And being qualified as a sport says nothing of the moral implications of an activity, so being a sport becomes a moot point.

The same can be said for hunting being a tradition and a right. There are many traditions that our society has moved past that were once commonly accepted. And as our society has advanced we have recognized the oppressive nature of these traditions and moved past them. Why should killing conscious beings for unjustifiable causes be any different? There is nothing inherent about hunting that makes it a right. It's a right for all humans to survive, but we

have moved past using hunting to survive, therefore, hunting is no longer a right.

Of course, there's the argument that hunting is fine if you eat all of the meat you get from killing a deer. People don't need meat to survive — if this were the case I would have died a long time ago, being a vegetarian myself. And just because all of the meat is consumed doesn't negate the fact that an animal was slaughtered for no reason other than to satisfy a personal desire. The death of an animal is not a given — animals were not magically placed here to satisfy our needs.

This is a call to not just hunters, but those who support hunting or the consumption of meat. Stop kidding yourselves. Stop trying to label hunting as something that it isn't. It's not a right and being a tradition or sport doesn't mean anything. The killing of a conscious being for a personal satisfaction of low significance is never justified.



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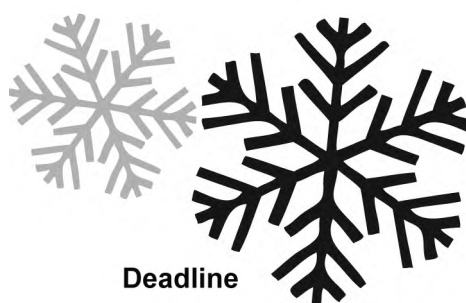


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Basketball - League	Men's & Women's - Sunday	Feb. 4
Innertube Water Polo	Open - Mon/Wed League	Feb. 4
Volleyball	Co-Rec & Women's - Wednesday	Feb. 4
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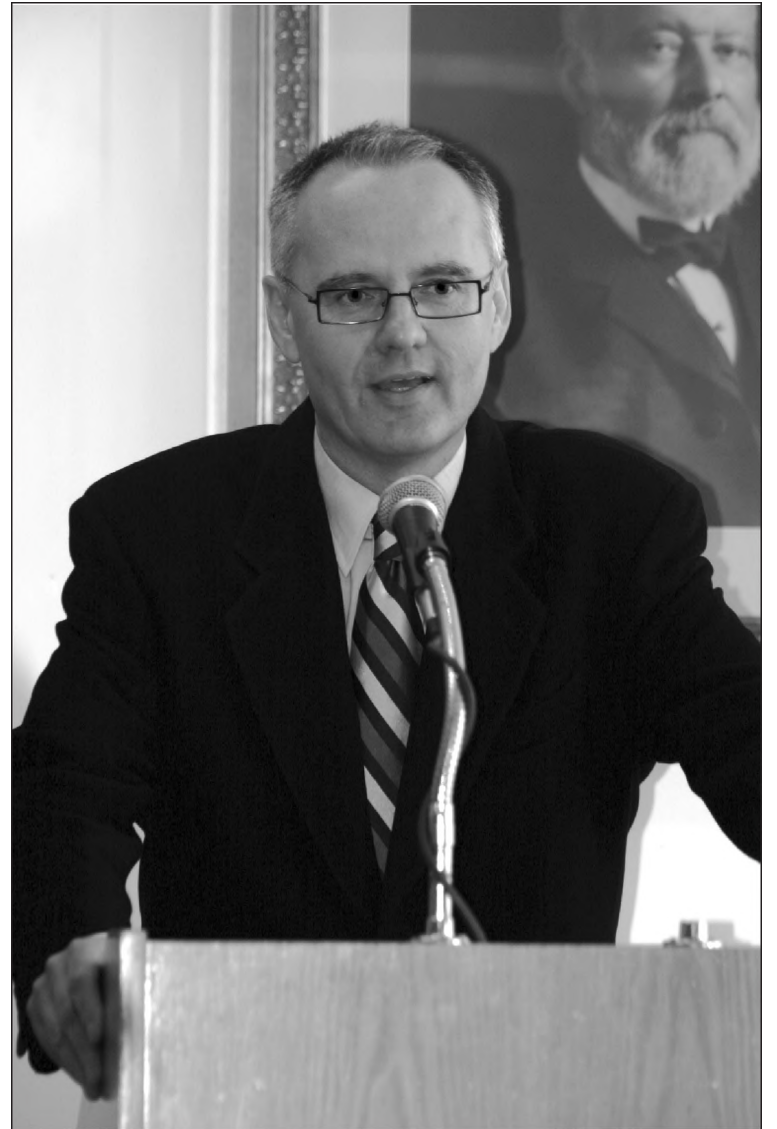


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YOUR HARD WORK!  
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## Faculty from abroad enrich NMU experience

By Sarah O'Neill  
staff writer

In countries throughout the world, one characteristic remains constant: the importance of culture. The act of experiencing the world's many different traditions and societies is a privilege most commonly experienced through travel.

NMU students have the opportunity to get a view of the world without leaving campus by tapping in to the minds of international professors who bring their cultural background and experiences straight to the class room.

Mohey Mowafy, a longtime professor in the Health, Physical Education and Recreation department, is dedicated to educating students on different world cultures, including his own. Originally from Egypt, Mowafy said that many students cannot travel and should still be able to learn about cultures from all over the world.

"I would not be the person I am today if I would not have travelled," he said. "But there are those who cannot do so because it is expensive, or they are scared. We should be able to bring the world to them."

Mowafy, who teaches courses on human nutrition, began teaching at Ain-Shams University in a district of Cairo called Shobra. He brings the lessons he learned throughout his life in Egypt to his students.

"Egypt's philosophies of life are very fatalistic, whatever happens is supposed to happen," Mowafy said. "Work ethic is also taught very early and is very sacred. If you do not commit time to what you consider important, you are not going to get very far."

Mowafy conveys this message

to his students in hopes it will help them succeed in his classes, as well as everyday life, he said.

In his courses, Mowafy uses many Egyptian words to describe things related to the class, because he finds them more descriptive. He also shows slides from home and often contrasts the way people live in the United States and Egypt.

An Egyptian tradition he uses to personalize his classes with a small amount of students is the act of sharing a meal.

"I invite my smaller classes in to my home for a meal," Mowafy said. "The act of breaking bread is sacred in Egypt."

Another professor who shares his cultural background with Northern students is chemistry assistant professor Sergei Slobodzian. Originally from Ukraine, he received his pharmacy degree there before obtaining his Ph.D. from the University of Maine.

Slobodzian, who has taught at NMU since 2005, uses personal experiences while teaching.

"I talk about many chemicals used in Ukraine that may be different than here," Slobodzian said. "For example, compounds used to treat forms of cancer have been banned here but are still being used in the Ukraine."

He also uses the strict education he received while growing up in Ukraine, which he said is dedicated more to math and science than in the United States.

"I grew up doing math without a calculator until about seventh grade," he said. "Emphasis on simple math and science are much heavier [in Ukraine]."

Also using his country's area of expertise is English professor J. Marek Haltof. Haltof, who is from Cieszyn in southern Poland, uses Central Europe's abundance

of successful filmmakers as an example in his courses on film.

"All of my classes often feature films from Europe," Haltof said. "I frequently talk about filmmakers related to my background. Many are from Central Europe, Czechoslovakia and Hungary."

One of his new courses, Authorship in Cinema, focuses on two iconic filmmakers who began their careers in Poland: Roman Polanski and Krzysztof Kieslowski.

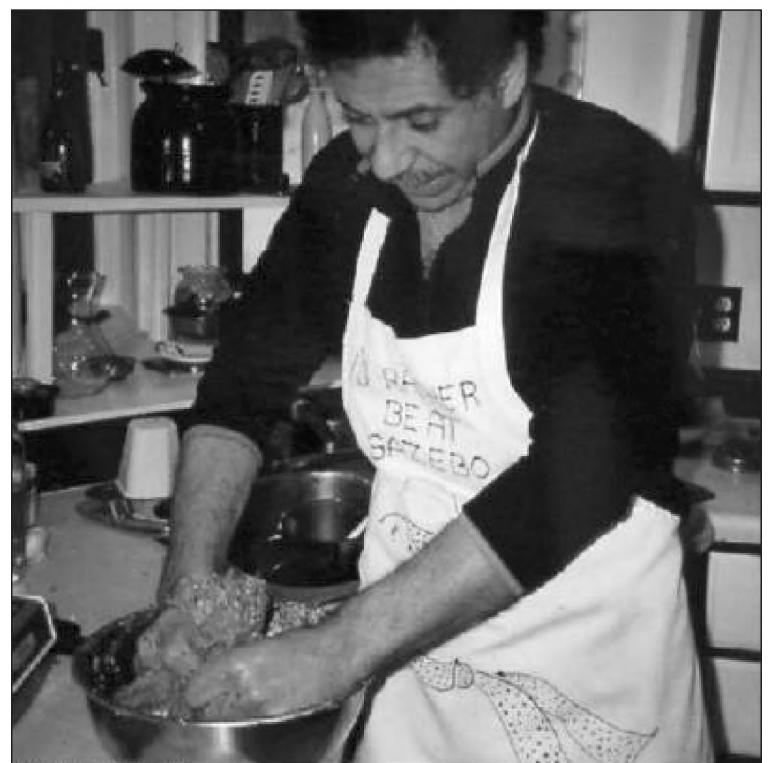
Haltof not only brings the culture of Poland to students but also his experience from conducting research and living in other countries. While completing his masters in the '80s, he lived in Australia for three years.

"[My courses] are a good experience, both in a cultural and political context," Haltof said. "I try to be personal, and use my research expertise and many historical references because I was there to see them happen. Plus, I teach about foreign films with a foreign accent."

History is also a big part of how Hsin-Ling Hsieh, an economics assistant professor, relates the topic she teaches to her students. Hsieh, who is originally from Taiwan, uses the philosophies of ancient Chinese culture while teaching.

"It is beneficial from a student's point of view because I share something unique with them," Hsieh said. "I use not only materials from the regular text books, but some things they've never seen before."

One of the stories she tells her students is of the eight Chinese immortals, based on real people during the Tang dynasty, which is seen as the peak of traditional Chinese culture. These people are all from different societies but all possess special powers, showing that peo-



Top left: Hsieh attends a performance of the "8 Immortals Crossing the Sea" at Radio City Music Hall in New York City in 2008 (photo courtesy of Hsin-Ling Hsieh).

Top right: Haltof receives the NMU Excellence in Professional Development award in 2005 (photo courtesy of Marek Haltof).

Bottom: Mowafy enjoys cooking a traditional meal, an important aspect of his cultural background (photo courtesy of Mohey Mowafy).

ple are capable of good no matter where they are from, Hsieh said.

One of the immortals is seen riding a donkey backward, which is based on an ancient philosophy that sometimes when you believe you're moving forward, you're actually moving backward.

"The immortal rode the donkey backward to make sure he was truly moving forward," Hsieh said. "Many times we think we are moving ahead in human society and economic growth, but we really are not."

At the beginning of each semester, Hsieh asks her students to write the advantages and disadvan-

tages of our current way of life on the board. Many students believe life is better now than it was in the past, but as our current economic downfall shows, they are not always right, she said.

Hsieh shares this with her students in hopes it will help them understand what real economic growth represents, and to distinguish the advantages from disadvantages in today's society.

"It is a pleasure to share with people," she said. "[The story] is really enlightening and inspiring, and I hope when they feel stressed they think about the given solution."

# TOP five of 2008



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## Top Films

By Josh Snyder

features editor

### 5. Forgetting Sarah Marshall

This year was one of the best for comedies, and although there were many, Jason Segel's tale of a guy trying to get through a rough break-up stands above them all. With an amazing script and one of the best supporting casts in any film, this comedy piled on the laughs and never let up.

### 4. W.

Regardless of whether or not you liked the 43rd president, Oliver Stone did a fantastic job of showing us a glimpse into a life that will always be shrouded in mystery. It may not have shown us everything, and it may not have been the film most were expecting, but nevertheless, it was still fantastic.

### 3. Burn After Reading

The Coens followed up their brooding and haunting

"No Country for Old Men" with one of the most off-the-wall black comedies of their careers. And with the best ensemble cast of any film this year, they insured another instant hit. If anything, see this movie for George Clooney's special contraption – it's pure black comedy gold.

### 2. Wall-E

Every year, when I look back at the best films, without a doubt there is always a Pixar film on the list. So it should mean something when I say that "Wall-E" is the best film Pixar has ever released. You'd be hard pressed to find someone who didn't instantly fall in love with Wall-E.

### 1. The Dark Knight

Comic book films have always had potential to be more than cinematic fluff, and director Christopher Nolan proved that with 2005's "Batman Begins." But no one could have expected him to top "Begins" in the way he did with the amazing "Dark Knight." Not only is it the best comic book film of all time, but it can easily compete with recent classics like "There Will Be Blood" and "The Departed," easily making it 2008's best film.

## Top Books

By Ally Berry

staff writer

### 5. "The Gargoyle" by Andrew Davidson

Car crashes. People hear of such tragedies, but rarely get to experience the full ferocity of the moment. But in Andrew Davidson's first novel, "The Gargoyle," readers are given a front row seat to the morbid yet beautiful narration of man who experiences one of the most horrifying vehicle accidents imagined. Heavily layered with ghostly imagery and bits of graphic language, this book should not be attempted by those whom are disturbed by morbid descriptions of intense detail.

### 4. "Ransom My Heart" by Meg Cabot

Few medieval romances manage to awe today's readers. But unlike most novels under the dying genre, "Ransom My Heart" is a surprise. Even though it doesn't take an expert to figure out which two characters will fall in love, what intrigues a reader is Meg Cabot's skill in taking

a commonly misused cliché and twisting it into something new and interesting. With characters and adventures similar to that of "Robin Hood," "Ransom My Heart" makes a delightful read that will surely have its readers crying for more.

### 3. "Mercury Under My Tongue" by Sylvain Trudel

Life can be difficult, but for Frédéric Langlois, it's nearly impossible. As a dying cancer patient, the 16-year-old boy constantly writes poetry, hoping to sort out his jumbled and disillusioned thoughts before death steals away his final breath. With an intelligent voice filled with wisdom no teenager should be burdened with, Frédéric weaves the reader through the life and times of one whom has given up hope and is angry with the terms that he has been dealt. His powerful and often cynical narration bites through a reader's mind with the sharpness and the lethal precision of a surgical scalpel. At just 159 pages, the book leaves a surprisingly strong, lasting impression that will keep you thinking a long time after being finished.

### 2. "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein

Meet Enzo, an average dog at a mere glimpse, but in actuality he is a sharp, sensitive soul locked within the limitations of the canine form. Through his insightful observations he pulls from the life and trials of his human master, Enzo approaches many of life's most troublesome lessons and presents them in a new light that is interesting and fun to read. "The Art of Racing in the Rain" is a novel sure to touch the hearts of any reader.

### 1. "The Host" by Stephenie Meyer

Love "Twilight?" Well if the movie wasn't enough to satisfy your driving hunger for the latest hit in supernatural romance, then please attempt to pry loose from your current obsession and note Stephenie Meyer's latest novel, "The Host." Rich with romantic tension, loaded with tons of gripping suspense, and filled with a whirlwind of colorful characters, "The Host" takes the defenseless reader through an unimaginable and unforgettable tale of two souls sharing one body, and eventually, one love. Don't miss it — you won't be disappointed.



## More Top Films

By Scott Viau

staff writer

### 5. Cloverfield

America finally has its own multi-story tall monster, and it kicks Godzilla's ass. While this may not be a traditional pick for a top five list, the viral web campaign and the secrecy surrounding the look of the monster, as well as the presentation of the film itself, proved that "Cloverfield" is more than your average monster movie.

### 4. Blindness

"Blindness" is a disturbing, thought-provoking look at a disease that causes a sudden case of blindness. While many critics panned this film, I feel it offers an interesting look at the different ways humans will behave under forced, uncontrolled situations, as well as how much a person is able to take until they start to fight back.

### 3. Religulous

Bill Maher's scathing and hilarious look at religion is bound to offend nearly everyone who watches it. While

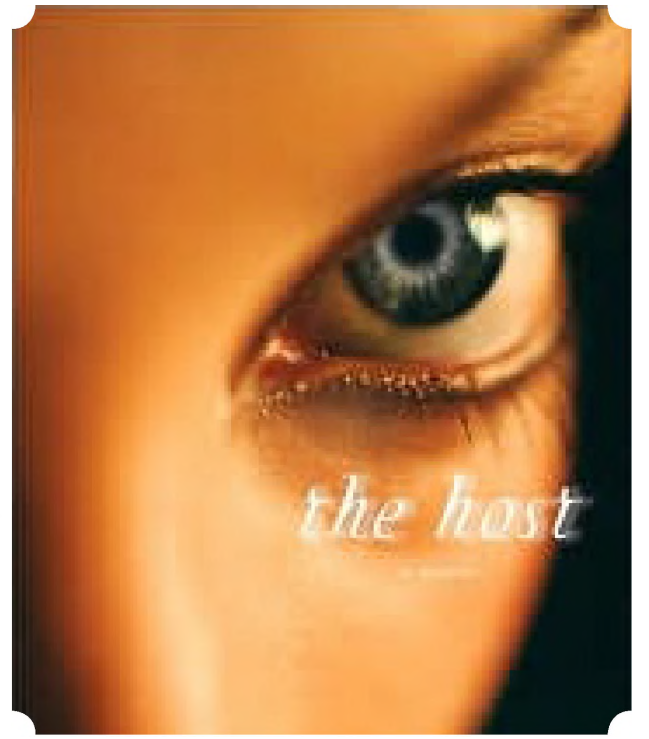
offending, though, Maher makes a point about the nature of religion and its place in the world today. "Religulous" offers a wake-up call to those on the fence about the issue of reason vs. religion.

### 2. The Dark Knight

Not only the best superhero film to date, but a great film in and of itself. The praise for Heath Ledger's performance is neither superfluous nor hyperbolic, and Harvey Dent is one of the most tragic characters in recent film history. Save for Ledger's performance, it's a shame "The Dark Knight" will more than likely be overlooked when Oscar time rolls around.

### 1. Wall-E

The gods at Pixar seem to be unstoppable and infallible, and Pixar's penchant for anthropomorphizing both animate and inanimate objects has been taken to a whole new level. While the ending of the film is necessary for Pixar's target audience, I can't help but feel that it's ultimately a tragic film with a happy ending added on. Regardless, keeping kids, as well as adults, entertained for an hour and a half with a minimal amount of dialogue is no easy feat, and Pixar did it flawlessly.



## Top Albums

By Shane Nyman

staff writer

### 5. "Death Magnetic" by Metallica

All nostalgia aside, Metallica has returned to form with their best output since their self-titled 1991 masterpiece. Face-melters like "All Nightmare Long" and "That Was Just Your Life" make "St. Anger" seem like a bad dream. And that monstrous instrumental track "Suicide and Redemption?" Priceless. Metallica successfully made its well-still-rock statement that is still eluding Axl Rose.

### 4. "Saturdays = Youth" by M83

Putting the sound of M83 into words is like trying to describe the taste of key lime pie to a man without a tongue. On "Saturdays = Youth," M83's mastermind Anthony Gonzalez has his electronica working so flawlessly that it creates a completely immersive experience. This

album moves away from the darkness brought forth in earlier works, namely 2005's "Before the Dawn Heals Us," and with an '80s vibe incites feelings of glowing warmth and youthful happiness.

### 3. "Consolers of the Lonely" by Raconteurs

Jack White has an uncanny ability to capture on record the intensity he brings to his live shows, and the sophomore effort from his Raconteurs is no different. Sounding as massive as ever, White and Brendan Benson lead an exciting eclectic attack from the record's start to finish, with memorable tracks like "Salute Your Solution" and the epic ballad "Carolina Drama."

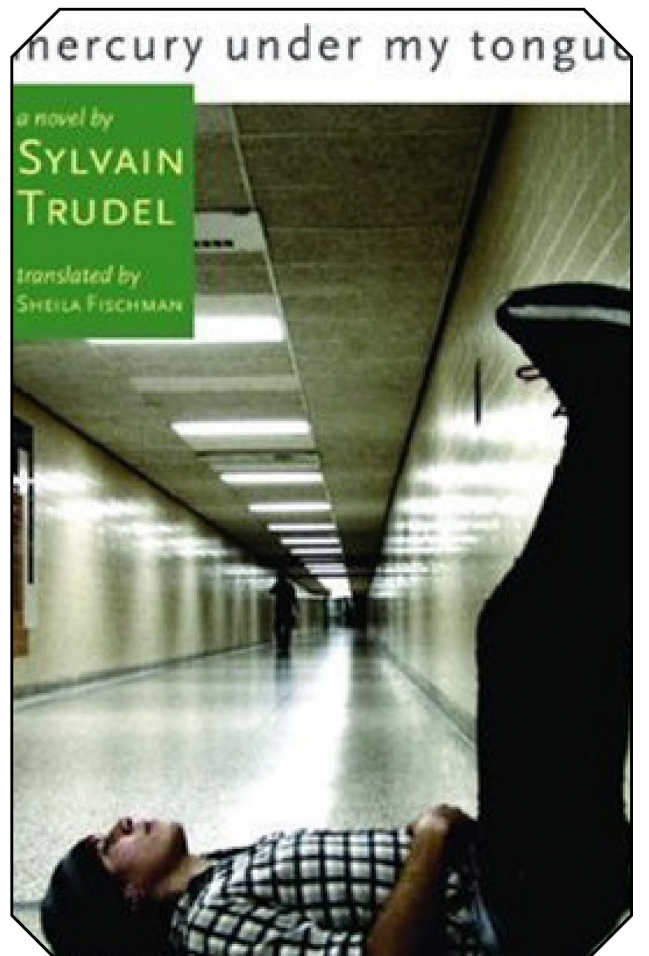
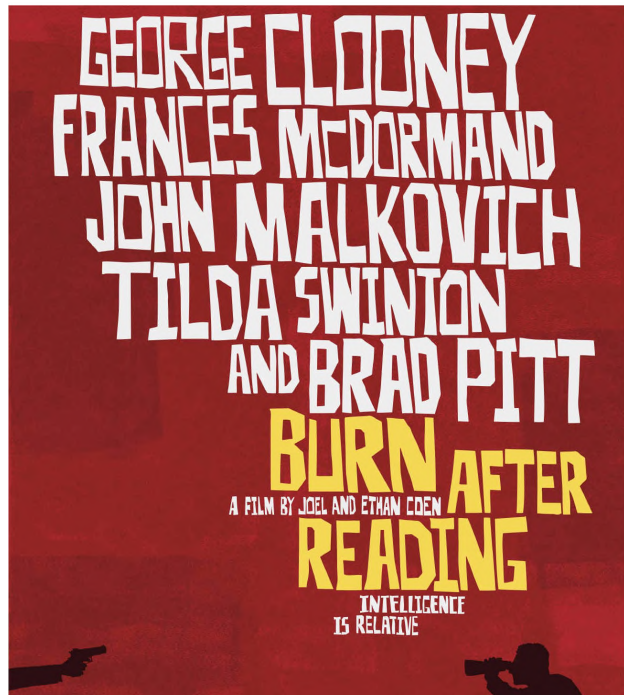
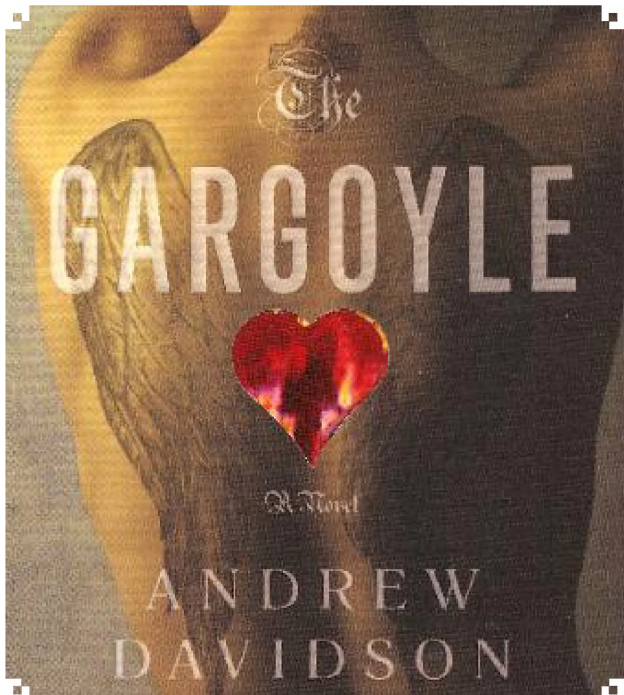
### 2. "Dig!!! Lazarus, Dig!!!" by Nick Cave and the Bad Seeds

As someone unexposed to Nick Cave's brilliance prior to his latest with the Bad Seeds, "Dig!!! Lazarus, Dig!!!" came as a shock. Cave's deep voice, demented narratives and wit, along with the Bad Seeds' moody landscapes, have been running amok for decades and are in fine form

on his '08 release. It's enough to secure new fans, like myself, and rejuvenate followers, which seems to be nearly everybody else.

### 1. "Attack & Release" by The Black Keys

Ohio's guitar-and-drums rock duo The Black Keys manage to take listeners to a place I've never been, and to a time in which I never lived. Their retro southern blues, a little bit country and a little bit rock n' roll, is a sound bigger than that of just two dudes strumming and drumming. It's not often I find banjo appealing, but "Psychotic Girl" does it just right. And, "I Got Mine" simply rocks – much like the rest of "Attack and Release."



# Helpful hints for saving for the holidays

By Sarah Hawkins  
staff writer

With Thanksgiving only a week behind us and winter break just around the corner, the holidays are officially in full swing, which means plenty of shopping and planning for trips home. But with the current economic slump, the dollar isn't going as far as it used to. However, there are some easy ways to save money on shopping and traveling.

Perhaps the biggest strain on wallets is shopping for presents. But one way shoppers can save money is to buy used products.

Ultimate Game Zone on Washington Street is a great place to shop for the hardcore gamer. Most of what they sell is second hand, and owner Staci Like said that's something that really helps during the economic slump.

"The market is saturated with new games and systems; that's why our niche will be classic games and systems," Like said. "[Customers] can get more for their money, which is always good."

One way shoppers can make sure they're getting as much out of their dollar as they can is by getting gift cards.

"Usually we do a lot of gift certificates," Like said. "With video games, it's hard for people to buy gifts." She said this is because people just don't know what their friends and relatives like to play, and that's where the versatility of the gift certificate comes in.

But for those who need non-electronic gift ideas, there are two more shops downtown that offer great deals on holiday gifts. Snowbound Books and Chapter Two on Third Street sell used and discounted books.

Snowbound manager Dianne Patrick said they discount almost all their new books, both fiction and non-fiction, and mostly sell those during the holiday season, but some of their used books make great gifts too.

"We have old editions that make nice gifts," Patrick said.

Patrick said their other store, Chapter Two, is like a publisher's outlet. Most of their books are new and marked down 50-75 percent. The stores have a combined collection of 30,000 books in all different categories, so there's bound to be something for any literature buff.

After shopping, traveling is another big expense students have to deal with. Sophomore art and design major Kristi Fisher has to drive all the way to Iowa when she wants to go home. It takes about 12 hours and the cost of gas makes this even worse.

"It's \$150 to \$175, and that's just one way," she said.

Because of this, once every two breaks she goes down to Franklin, Mich. to spend the holiday at her aunt's house instead.

"It's still an eight-hour drive," she said. "But then I can carpool with other people."

Carpooling is another great way to save money on traveling. Sophomore special educa-

tion major Jade Crispell is on the weekend and vacation carpool list for NMU, and it helps cut down the cost of gas on her six-and-a-half-hour trip downstate.

"I have a gas guzzler," Crispell said, adding that it costs between \$50 and \$70 to get home. She tries to charge a fair fee for her passengers, but never asks for too much.

"The most I would ask for is \$30, there's no reason to rip people off," she said.

But the wear and tear a vehicle takes on long trips can be even more expensive if the car isn't properly maintained.

Donne Langlois, service manager at Lutey's Heritage Motors, said regular tune-ups can not only keep a car running smoothly, but also save money on gas. When a vehicle has to run rough, he said the fuel economy will be poor as a result.

"Oil changes are really important," Langlois said, adding that the oil in an engine breaks down over time and the engine will run itself out of oil. When this happens, the vehicle can experience internal engine failure. Langlois said this can cost anywhere from \$2,500 to \$8,000.

Another thing Langlois said to watch for on long trips is windshield washer fluid.

"It's a safety issue," he said. When cars are driving on slushy roads, a lot of splatter can come up from other cars. If someone is out of washer fluid, they can't clean their windshield and it can make for dangerous driving.

## Saving on the cost of dinner

Getting together with family for dinner is a holiday tradition for many. Ham with all the fixings, mashed potatoes and hor'dourves are some of the holiday favorites, but with the price of food, it can get expensive.

Hospitality management professor Christopher Kibit says the best way to save money is by starting early.

"One of the things I try to do is plan ahead. This time of year there are a lot of sales," Kibit said, adding to keep in mind the following:

— Watch for specials. Look for the buy-one-get-one-free sales and items marked down in price.

— Buy a variety of foods to not only mix it up with dinner but to save on cost. Things like cheese and turkey are going to cost more, but adding things like potatoes and stuffing can cost a lot less.

— The freshness of food is important as well. "When you're talking about homemade meals, fresh is best," he said. For the price of dry boxed potatoes, he said someone could easily get a 5-pound bag. It's more work when it comes to preparation, but it can feed more people for less cash.

— Remember that not everything has to be purchased specifically for the meal. Go through cupboards and pantries and use up any items you might already have lying around.

— Be resourceful. Using leftovers as ingredients for other meals can save on both cost and time. Kibit said he often saves the heels from his loaves of bread to make the stuffing. He said most people don't use this part to make sandwiches, and he utilized something he already had.

"Now I have a fresh product that was a byproduct," he said

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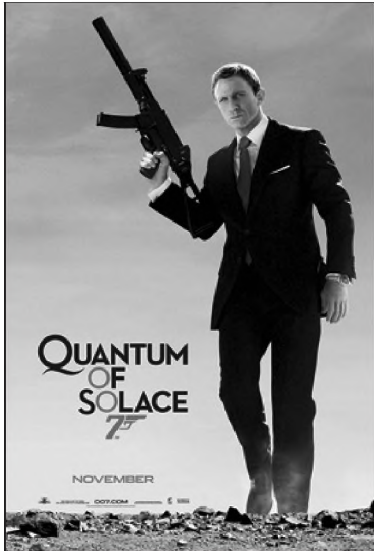
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# Latest Bond film a thrilling adventure



Film: Quantum of Solace

Director: Marc Foster

Producers: Barbara Broccoli, Michael G. Wilson

Writers: Paul Haggis, Neal Purvis, Robert Wade

Starring: Daniel Craig, Olga Kurylenko, Judi Dench

Runtime: 106 minutes

Rating: PG-13



By Josh Snyder  
features editor

I'll always have a soft spot for James Bond. With the exception of the God-awful "Die Another Day," I've always enjoyed watching Bond take down villains ready to conquer the world with ridiculously complicated schemes. But nothing could prepare me for the direction MGM was taking the franchise with the re-boot, "Casino Royale." So it was with great anticipation that I awaited "Quantum of Solace." And although the grittier look remains, "Solace" is the same old James Bond, for better or worse.

Immediately following the events of "Royale," "Solace" opens with Bond (Craig), bringing Mr. White (Jesper Christensen) into custody. Believing that his first assignment is now over, Bond soon learns from White that the group he's a part of is bigger than either MI6 or the CIA can possibly imagine. After an assassination attempt on M (Dench), Bond decides to uncover the identity of this mysterious group and find out what their true motivations are.

If people complained that "Royale" moved a little slow, then people will complain that "Solace" moves too fast. This isn't always a bad thing — in fact it's one of the movies strongest selling points. Director Marc Foster was

smart in knowing how to cut scene transitions to a minimum, while never making the audience play catch-up. This was a bold move that could have been disastrous, but it pays off.

What benefits most from this fast pace is the action. For all you action buffs out there, go see this movie. The speed and intensity at which bodies and cars go flying through the air while explosions rip through the background more than justifies seeing this on the big screen. The best part is there are some pretty inventive actions sequences, but the focus still remains on Bond throughout all of them. This is a good thing because the film never becomes just a showcase for bored Michael Bay-inspired directors to just blow stuff up for the hell of it. The craziness and chaos always seem practical.

The one flaw in an otherwise brilliant production is the cinematography. For some reason, Foster opted to use a shaky camera to "intensify" some of the scenes. Why directors continue to use this is beyond me, as it nearly kills every scene it's used in. If there's one thing I would love to see changed in Hollywood, it would be the banning of all shaky cameras. It's just nauseating and pointless.

But my biggest gripe with "Solace" is that underneath all the layers of dirt and grime this

is still the same old Bond we've come to know and love. This isn't necessarily a bad thing, but after the revamping of the franchise in "Royale," I was a bit disappointed to see yet another villain attempt to amass large amounts of power through an unnecessarily complicated scheme. It might seem nitpicky, but films like "The Dark Knight" have proven that so much more can be done with an already established franchise.

One thing that didn't change, though, is the characterization of Bond. Craig is easily the best Bond ever. This is because he isn't just some smooth operator that knows how to charm the ladies — Craig's

Bond is vulnerable, capable of not only getting physically scarred but emotionally scarred. This adds a layer of depth to him that was missing from the Pierce Brosnan films, and one that I'm glad to see incorporated. Bond is just more than a bad-ass with a pretty face — he's a real person.

In the end, "Quantum of Solace" manages to be the better of the recent Bond films, but not by much. If you're a fan then there's no question of seeing this in theaters, but for those who want to see an exciting action flick, this is definitely the best one out there now. Just don't expect the end-all-be-all of action films.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

James Bond (Daniel Craig) tracks down yet another evil power-hungry villain in the latest action-packed Bond flick, "Quantum of Solace."

# 'Transporter' fails to deliver excitement



Film: Transporter 3

Director: Olivier Megaton

Producers: Luc Besson, Steve Chasman

Writers: Luc Besson, Robert Mark Kamen

Starring: Jason Statham, Natalya Rudakova

Runtime: 100 minutes

Rating: PG-13



By Josh Snyder  
features editor

Hollywood has its own set of laws, such as cars that explode when you shoot them a few times and heroes that can get shot many times and can keep on killing bad guys. One genre in particular that embraces these absurd rules is the action film. With over-the-top fights and explosions that defy all logic, these films can be some of the most fun to watch. But like all genres, they can easily give into the standard clichés, such as the dashing hero who must save the damsel in distress.

It was a rejection of these cli-

chés and an embracing of the ridiculousness that initially made "The Transporter" series so good. But the same can't be said for the third installment, which delivers some great action but succumbs to the standard fare that can ruin any film.

Action hero Frank Martin (Statham) is trying to enjoy a much more low-key lifestyle. He spends his time fishing, hanging out with his cop-friend Tarconi (Francois Berleand) and passes any transporting jobs along to other, younger drivers. But when one of those younger drivers fails to deliver a package, Martin is forced to finish the job. There's a catch — a magnetic bracelet is attached to him that will explode if he gets more than 75 feet away from the

car. Martin must take the package, along with the mysterious Valentina (Rudakova) to Odessa, Ukraine if he is to complete the mission and save his life.

Compared to the previous entries, the third installment has some tame action scenes. That's not to say that they aren't in the least bit ridiculous. At one point, Martin is able to tilt his car on its side and drive it in between two semis at an insane speed. But this is nothing compared to what writer Luc Besson put in the previous scripts. It's entertaining, but nothing special.

In fact, that's a theme that runs throughout most of the film. The plot has been done before, the acting has been better and so has the dialogue. None of it is bad here, it's just bland. Part of this is because this is the third entry in a franchise that is lucky to even have a sequel, but it's also due to the fact that no one seems genuinely interested in this project. Statham seems to be going through the motions, punching guys here, flipping a car there, but never putting in that extra effort he's displayed so many times before. This problem mainly arises from rookie director Olivier Megaton, who directs the film with a sense of apathy that would kill any film, let alone an action flick.

But all of these criticisms would make for a standard action film, not a below-average one. What kills "Transporter 3" is its

very in-depth love story between Martin and Valentina. This plot line is bad on a couple levels. First, it's beyond standard and cliché. Of course Martin and Valentina start off not liking each other, but after a couple close encounters they sort of like each other. And then Martin gets into one of his many half fights, half strip teases and Valentina is sold. Next thing you know, the movie is coming to a screeching halt just so the two can have an emotionally charged conversation, followed by a very PG love-making scene. But what's so terrible about the love story is that it casts a gigantic light on one of the many problems still facing Hollywood — outdated stereotypes. Valen-

tina is the powerless woman that just has to be saved by the big and strong Martin, who needs to be careful about developing feelings for anyone because, duh, that's a weakness. Not only are these archetypes outdated but they're borderline offensive. Worst of all, this sub-plot takes up a lot of time that should have been spent packing the film with more explosions and shoot-outs.

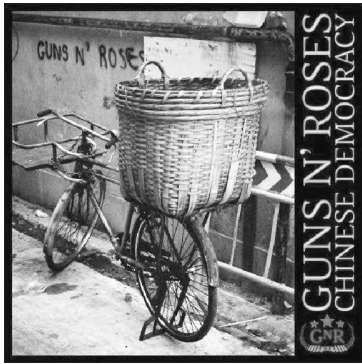
As a fan of the first two films, I can safely say that "Transporter 3" fails to deliver the exciting elements that the series is known for, while also adding large quantities of useless drivel. Unless you must see every single action film in theaters, wait for the DVD.



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Action hero Frank Martin (Jason Statham) kicks a motorcycle helmet at gun-toting bad-guys in the below-average "Transporter 3."

# 'Chinese Democracy' not worth the wait



By Shane Nyman  
staff writer

For more than a decade, "Chinese Democracy" has been nothing but a punch line. No album in history has had such a well-documented and laughable path to release. With a seemingly never-ending carousel of musicians and studios involved, only one element of Guns N' Roses' "Chinese Democracy" has held constant: mastermind Axl Rose. He's the only remaining member from the lineup that tore through the late '80s and early '90s, and has finally wrangled all of the work onto one not-so-cohesive unit.

"Democracy" has its shining moments, but the final product surely doesn't live up to the hype. The 14 tracks are quite

schizophrenic — a mix-and-match hodgepodge of sounds. Many tracks wind up overproduced, which may be inevitable after 11-plus years of work. The song structures are more reminiscent of the "Use Your Illusion" albums, with sprawling solos, breakdowns and overall complex arrangements.

A large cast of characters contributed to the album's massive sound, from Nine Inch Nails alums Robin Finck (guitar) and Josh Freese (drums), to shredders Buckethead and Bumblefoot. Rose attempts to tie all the madness together with his incredibly far-ranging vocals, amidst hip-hop beats, piano, keyboards and constant orchestral and choral inclusion.

At times, there are bits of the raw, energetic sound that made "Appetite for Destruction" a phenomenal success. There are other moments where the gigantic sounds of strings and choir all fit together perfectly, as they so often did in the "Illusion" albums. All too often, though, other than Rose's voice, this contemporary version of GN'R has little resemblance to the one we know and love.

The title-track, which serves as the album's opener, begins with Rose's long-lost screech, and builds to a satisfying stop-

and-go riff. Rose immediately shakes off the history and addresses listeners, in the context of the song of course, opening the album with the lines "It don't really matter / You're gonna find out for yourself." After the first minute, though, the nostalgia wears thin. The song is ultimately forgettable and sure to get lost in the mix of today's repetitive radio rock.

"Shackler's Revenge" brings a taste of the GN'R of old, with heavy guitars and Rose's deepest growl and his high shrieks overlapping.

"Better" may be the album's catchiest track, which is oddly enough built around a hip-hop hook carried wonderfully by Rose's voice at its highest of highs. It later erupts into a rocker worthy of the GN'R name.

Rose's vocal highs are showcased again on the poppy "If The World," where Rose wails alongside drum-machine snares and Buckethead's Spanish guitar plucking. It's another catchy tune, although too busy and overproduced.

This gaudiness reaches its climax in "Madagascar," where Rose uses French Horns, more digital drums, an orchestra and layers of guitars over his crooning. As if all that wasn't enough, Rose tops it off with clips of

Martin Luther King, Jr. speeches and, pulling from his bag of "Civil War" tricks, includes more lines from "Cool Hand Luke." Failure to communicate? Unfortunately.

"Chinese Democracy" will always be the album known more for the years leading up to its release than the finished product. Had the music been superb, it still may have not been able to

shake its history. Nonetheless, what we're left with is an overly decorated album with few bits of glory. Despite the build-up, the album won't even be claiming the top spot on this week's Billboard chart — surely a letdown to Rose, much as "Chinese Democracy" is a letdown to fans expecting the excellence the name Guns N' Roses once represented.



## Radio X's top weekly album plays:

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| 1. <b>FRONTIER RUCKUS</b><br>"The Orion Songbook"                         | 6. <b>THESE ARMS ARE SNAKES</b><br>"Tail Swallower and Dove" |
| 2. <b>KINGS OF LEON</b><br>"Only By The Night"                            | 7. <b>SUPER XX MAN</b><br>"Volume XII: There'll Be Diamonds" |
| 3. <b>PAST LIVES</b><br>"Strange Symmetry"                                | 8. <b>MATT DUKE</b><br>"Kingdom Underground"                 |
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# Meyer's latest novel an intense must-read



By Ally Berry  
staff writer

With attention on "Twilight" still soaring to heights that rival "Harry Potter," it's hard to imagine that Stephenie Meyer has already released another bestseller. Yet unlike her popular vampire series, she now takes her loyal fans down the road of sci-fi, weaving a powerful tale about the survival of humanity against foreign invaders.

Earth has been overcome by an alien species of souls that vaguely resemble pearlescent jellyfish. Unable to survive on their own, they take over the minds of human hosts and other intelligent species. While the alien race claims to have the "best interests" of the planet in mind, they are quite ignorant of the cruelty of stealing bodies from their hosts. Once captured, it's virtually impossible for a human to resist being assimilated by the alien race. That is until Melanie Stryder was caught. Even after losing control of her body to Wanderer, the invading "soul," Melanie continues to make her thoughts known to her captor, and constantly fights to take back control of what was stolen from her.

As the story develops, Wanderer begins catching glimpses of Melanie's past, including memories regarding a human lover named Jared. Through constant exposure to Melanie's overpowering emotions, Wanderer eventually finds that she is falling in love with the same man as her former tenant, making "Host" one of the rare novels to introduce a love triangle involving only two human bodies.

Conversations between Wanderer and Melanie often contain

hilarious banter that is both entertaining and enlightening to behold. Since their relationship with one another is less than welcome, it comes as a great surprise to learn that they develop a sort of treaty and join forces to try and find Jared's whereabouts.

While "Host" is dominantly a tale of love, it also covers the heavy definition of what it means to be human. Meyer reminds readers that man's definition of good and bad isn't always so black and white. One person's vision of good is never like another's. In the midst of so much bad, sometimes all we can do as humans is find the right compromise that works best for all.

Blended together with intense suspense and vividly portrayed cast of characters, this novel is a read that will keep you on the edge of your seat, anxious yet eager for what will happen next. "The Host" is not simply a science-fiction tale of body snatchers taking over the planet earth, but a timeless tale of love surviving even within the darkest of circumstances. Don't miss this latest installment by Stephenie Meyer; the close of "Twilight" is only the beginning of an even greater adventure.

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The NMU Volunteer Center and Casa Calabria would like to congratulate November's Volunteer of the Month, Liz Becker. Liz is a Nursing major from Kiel, Wisconsin. She is a graduate of the Student Leader Fellowship Program, having completed her Community Service Internship at Norlite Nursing home. Last year, Liz and her family organized an annual run/walk in honor of her grandmother with proceeds benefitting cancer patients and their loved ones. Recently, Liz also helped co-organize the "Joggin for her Noggin" Run/Walk on campus raising money for cancer research and an NMU student diagnosed with brain cancer. Liz is an active member in Student Nurse's Association, and has been elected President for next semester. She has volunteered at M.A.D.D., Blood Drives, and many other NMU events. She is a Big Sister Lunch Buddy, volunteers at the annual Kaleidoscope Kid's event, YMCA events, and plans to help coach a YMCA youth basketball team next semester. We would like to congratulate Liz for her wonderful commitments to service in the campus and the community, and proudly recognize her as the Volunteer of the Month for November.

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The public may view information about the accreditation process and NMU's participation in the Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP) at [www.nmu.edu/aqip](http://www.nmu.edu/aqip). A systems portfolio describing the university and its programs is located on the site.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the university to:  
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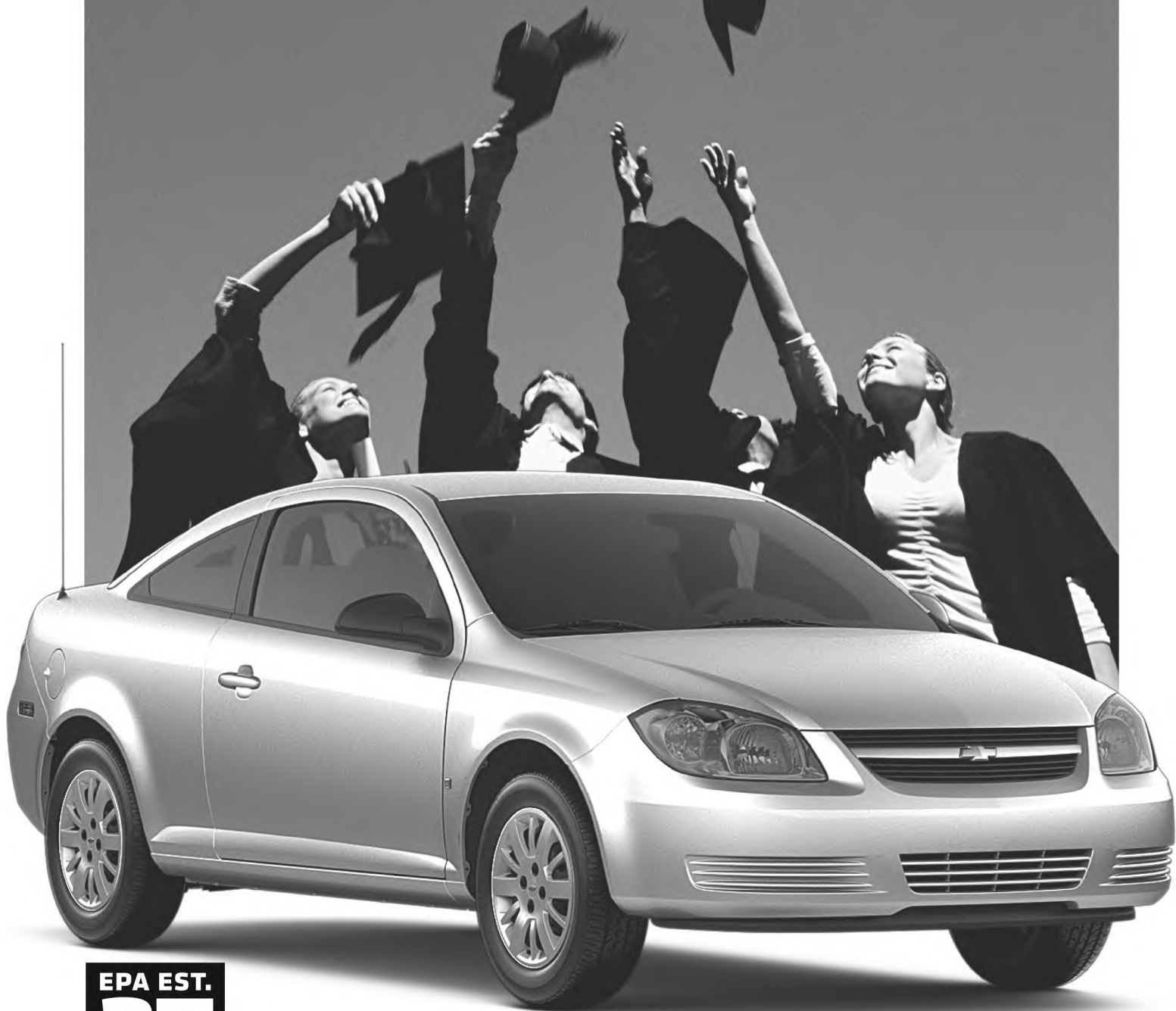
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# 4-0 and looking for more



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Junior guard Chris Warner (above) is still hoping to get to 100 percent health this season.

By Curt Kemp  
sports editor

The NMU men's basketball team has one date circled on its calendar, and it's March 9.

Not only is it circled on the calendar, it's written on thick white athletic tape, on the backboard in the PEIF practice gym, signed in green Sharpie by every member of the team, the coaching staff and even the athletic department staff; the numbers "03-9-09" surrounded by the signatures of those looking to make it happen.

This Wildcats' team is focused.

"That's when we find out if we get inducted," freshman guard Raymont McElroy said. "That's going to be our first day of practice if we get into the NCAA tournament. And that's our motivation, right there. Just looking at that, every day when we come into practice."

Having started the season unbeaten (4-0), and picking up an important regional win against the University of Minnesota-Duluth, a confident NMU basketball team now embarks on the brunt of this year's schedule. In total, the Wildcats have nine games over the semester break, eight conference games along with one non-conference matchup.

And head coach Dean Ellis said the best basketball is ahead.

"We improved since our fourth game, I can tell watching in practice," he said. "Part of that is confidence, but part of that is everybody settling into our system. We've got some great basketball ahead of us."

Starting Thursday, the team has three-straight GLIAC road games, and Ellis said the road stretch will be a good opportunity to test the team, which features two freshmen, center Jared Benson and McElroy, in important roles.

"I would rather (go on the road)," Ellis said. "If you can go out on the road and win and then come back home with a cou-

ple wins underneath you, you're really in good shape.

"You need to win road games to win the league," he added.

Senior forward Tyler Kazmierkoski said while the two red-shirt freshmen will be on their first collegiate road trip with the team, McElroy and Benson aren't typical first-year players.

"Ray and Jared, yeah they're freshmen, but those two are real special freshmen," Kazmierkoski said. "Not many could sit there and walk into a team and play in games like we have and start off 4-0. They've handled it."

McElroy currently leads the team in assists, with 14, and minutes played, averaging 33.2 an outing. He also sits at third on the team in scoring, averaging 10 points per game. Kazmierkoski is the second leading scorer (13.8 points per game), with junior transfer guard Marc Renelique leading all scorers with 17.3 points. Benson, who's started two of the four games, is third on the team in rebounds (5.3 per game) and second in blocked shots (3).

— Dean Ellis  
head basketball coach

"As he learns more and more about what we need him to do, he's going to get better by the minute," Ellis said about Benson.

Junior guard Chris Warner will be in the starting lineup for the road trip, alongside Renelique, McElroy, Kazmierkoski and either Benson or senior forward Kyle Greene. For Warner, his offensive start to the season has been a bit slow, averaging 6.5 points. He said, after the injury, things are coming back, but slowly.

"These couple games have helped me to assess myself with where I need to improve – in terms of instincts, reaction plays," Warner said.

"It was a good test, but I still think I have a ways to go," he added.

When asked what to expect when he's at full strength again, Warner smiled.

"Only good things," he said. "Only good things."

**If you can go out on the road and win ... you're really in good shape.**



Dave Miller/NW

Sophomore guard Kellie Rietveld (above) has "god-given speed" according to her coach.

By Curt Kemp  
sports editor

Last season, the NMU women's basketball team finished last in the GLIAC North, with a record of 4-14 in the conference and 9-17 overall.

This season, the Wildcats have gotten off to a fast start, going 4-0, defeating regional-foe University of Minnesota-Duluth on the road, as well as St. Norbert on Monday, a team that was then the No. 16-ranked team in Division III. Now, the Wildcats head out on a three-game conference road trip starting with Northwood University, only to have six conference games at home before school gets back in session.

Junior guard Natalie Larocque said there's one major contributing factor to the fast start.

"We're tired of losing, that's the main drive for us, not to get that last spot again," Larocque said. "We're shooting for first this time."

The St. Norbert game showed that drive. Against a good Division III team, NMU came back from down 14 points in the first half to win, 81-69. According to head coach Troy Mattson, he scheduled the game against St. Norbert before the season, knowing that it would be a test for the Wildcats right before the conference games on the road.

"I scheduled it right before the Northwood game for that reason," Mattson said. "I knew we had a couple, in Marygrove and Finlandia, that were going to probably be blowouts for us, and we needed to make sure we were going to be tough enough for the Northwood game."

Mattson said the 4-0 start has had a lot to do with scheduling. This year, the home schedule features three Division III opponents, and for the first time in Mattson's tenure, the team will have 15 games at the Berry Events Center.

"The thing that goes along with play-

ing on the road and playing Division II schools all the time (early in the season), is you get beat up," Mattson said. "Physically, mentally, you get beat up."

This season, Mattson hopes it'll be NMU that's beating up on the Division II competition, with a team full of players he views as competitive and tough.

"I think our girls are getting that mentality, throughout the whole team, that we have to fight together, and they're all doing that right now," he said. "I think we've got a pretty tough team right now, but we're going to face some pretty tough opponents that are going to match us, so it's going to be a dog fight for us."

Mattson cited senior forward Cassie Hegbloom (9.5 points per game), along with sophomore guards Kellie Rietveld (9.3) and Steffani Stoeger (8.5), as prime examples of that mentality. They are the

second, third and fourth leading scorers, respectively.

Another strong player Mattson noted was senior guard Kelsey Deacon, who leads the team in scoring with 16.5 points per game.

And first on the road swing for the 'Cats is a trip to Midland, Mich., a place that Deacon is unhappily familiar with.

Deacon said she's been to Northwood's home court three times during her career, and has lost twice in overtime.

"Going to that place, and having the W and then losing in overtime just sucks," she said. "So knowing how much experience we have on that court, we have to come out with a win."

Perhaps thanks are in order for scheduling, because as the team prepares for the first long road trip of the year, there's a different feeling from last year, when the team started off 1-3.

"Our confidence is up there right now. And I feel like everyone feels like we can beat anyone in our conference, and go in there and do the job," Stoeger said. "As far as we go, it's just what we want to do, and our fate is in our hands."

**We're tired of losing, that's the main drive for us, not to get that last spot again.**

— Natalie Larocque  
junior guard

# Eyeing up the future

Brittany McIntire/NW

**By Gordon Beedle**  
assistant sports editor

The 2008 volleyball season has been the most successful year for the program since the hire of head coach Dominic Yoder in 2006.

The Wildcats (20-12) made it to the NCAA regional tournament and lost in the first round, 3-2 to the Indianapolis Greyhounds.

Yoder said the loss is a step in the right direction for the future of the program.

"We showed, at times, that we had greatness, but other times we did not play to our potential," he said. "I think each year that we progress as a team, and as a program, some new opportunities open up."

Over the past two years, Yoder said he has wanted nothing more than success for the volleyball program.

Junior libero Cassie Osiecki said Yoder's coaching is the main reason for that success.

"He has turned our program around, and he has made a big difference," she said. "He knows

his stuff. He knows the game very well. And he brings that to the gym every day, and that is why we are so successful."

In 2006, the year before Yoder took over at head coach, NMU finished fifth in the GLIAC with an 8-10 record. Since Yoder's tenure, the team has placed second (13-5 in 2007) and third (11-5 in 2008) in the conference.

Yoder said the strong finishes are just the start to building a stronger program.

"I wanted success for the university and also to return the program back to its glory days," he said. "So every single day that I have worked this job, it has been with that goal in mind."

Senior captain Breanne Zarembo said Yoder has brought more to this team than tallies in the win column.

"This program would not be what it is right now if it wasn't for

him. He is an excellent coach," she said. "And his coaching and everything goes way beyond the volleyball court. He is always about school and life and the future, it is not just all volleyball."

The success off the court has also shined for the Wildcat volleyball team. The women had the highest GPA for any athletic team in the 2008 winter semester, with a 3.73 average, and 11 of 12 athletes made the dean's list.

This accomplishment is also a reflection of Yoder's coaching philosophy.

"They are student athletes, and student comes first," Yoder said. "It is a combined experience that they really have to work for on both areas to be successful here at NMU."

As the Wildcat volleyball team closes out the 2008 chapter, it will be losing three seniors in Zarem-

**I wanted success for the university and also to return the program back to its glory days.**

—Dominic Yoder  
head volleyball coach

ba, middle hitter Caryn VanBecum and outside hitter Daniela Bezerra.

Yoder said he will not only miss the play these athletes provided, he will also miss what they exemplified.

"I think they are a bridge from the past, and window to the future," he said. "They were really the outlook into the future, as to what to be, to be successful and move in the right direction."

Yoder said with the loss of Bezerra and VanBeckum, the 'Cats will lose, on average, six kills a set. And with Zarembo leaving, they lose something that was not written in the scorebooks.

"Zarembo was the kind of player that would run through walls, and to lose that type of person is difficult for any team," Yoder said.

Zarembo said she hoped her mentality on the court will live through as an example for the younger players.

"Personally, I left the legacy behind of passion, and just playing for the love of the game and playing with heart," she said. "I may

not have the best skills, but every time I step on the court I give 120 percent."

To replace these seniors and cross that bridge into the future, Yoder is looking to bring in some new recruits and is putting faith in the returning players.

"You always have that improvement from year to year. So you're hoping that your younger players are training and improving," Yoder said. "And they will be the players to fill those shoes. But those are big shoes to fill."

Osiecki said she has full faith in Yoder to improve the program for next season.

"It is very easy to trust him. And the recruits he has are talented. He does a very good job of keeping our program strong," she said.

As Yoder and his team ready for the offseason, he said he will use this past year as another step for success in the future.

"We will take a look at what we were able to accomplish this season and things that we can improve on for next season," he said. "We will look to try and progress our weakness to strengths."

## Second home meet showcases double duty

**By Trevor Pellerite**  
staff writer

Despite falling by a final score of 169-118, the NMU Swimming and Diving team gave a determined effort against the visiting Chargers of Hillsdale College on Nov. 22. Several Wildcats had standout individual performances in the defeat, including one athlete who missed qualifying for National competition by the slimmest of margins.

"[The meet] went well," head coach Bob Laughna said. "Hillsdale's a pretty good team, no question. They've got some individuals who are real good. They're going to go places."

Hillsdale is currently ranked seventh in the conference, one place ahead of NMU.

Again, Northern's 14-member squad faced a team with the advantage of superior numbers.

"Even though Hillsdale only brought their top 16 swimmers,

they have 40 swimmers to choose from, so they can bring only their top 16," Ashley Oliver said.

The Wildcat swimmers stepped up to the task, however, as several athletes competed in consecutive events for the good of the team.

One such athlete was distance specialist Sarah Cempel. She gamely competed in the 500-yard freestyle race (taking third with a time of 5:45.55), got out of the pool and promptly climbed back onto the starting blocks for the 100-yard butterfly. This all came after she earned third place in the 1650-yard freestyle race earlier.

Captain Emily Olson also swam consecutive events, and led the team with the only individual swimming win, clocking in a time of 1:02.19 in the 100-yard butterfly. Despite any possible issues with fatigue, Laughna was impressed with her racing.

"I think she surprised herself," Laughna said.

In addition, Olson placed fourth in the 200-yard butterfly,

held earlier in the meet.

Junior Hannah Bolger also performed well. After missing several weeks earlier in the season because of medical complications, Bolger continued to drop time after her return at NMU's last meet. She earned second place in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:15.58. Bolger stated that she is still several seconds from her lifetime best times, and hopes to better them by the end of the season.

Ashley Oliver, a walk-on freshman at Northern, swam the 100-yard backstroke in 1:03.59 (third), and the 200-yard backstroke in 2:17.75 (second). Both were season-best times for Oliver. She joined the NMU squad this year after attending community college for two years, during which she was unable to compete in swimming. Although a bit out of practice, Oliver is confident she will continue to improve.

"I haven't swam in two years," Oliver said. "I'm looking to get

down to my lifetime bests by the end of the season."

Despite her hiatus from competitive swimming, Oliver's contributions to the team have been enormous, and coach Laughna said he is very pleased with her progress and performance.

"Definitely a keeper," he said of Oliver.

NMU divers Kelli and Kara Vander Baan again experienced success in the 3-meter and 1-meter events. The divers took first and second place in the 3-meter competition. Kara won with 252.75 points over her sister's 243.20. Kelli won the 1-meter with 238.5 points, and Kara followed in third with 225.85.

Kara narrowly missed the NCAA National Swimming and Diving meet qualifying score in the 3-meter, finishing fewer than three points away from the required 255. NMU Diving coach Andy Ward said he hopes coming so close will serve to further encourage Kara.

"She still has a few other dives that we're going to get the degree of difficulty up a little bit higher in her list of dives to do," Ward said. "So if she can end up pulling off another meet (like the one she had today, with) a higher degree of difficulty, she should have no problems."

Ward said he was also pleased with the consistency throughout the performances of both sisters.

The swimming team and the diving team is now preparing for this weekend's upcoming invitational meet at Eastern Michigan University, where they will compete against various Division II and III schools, as well as Division I competitors like the University of Michigan. Competition will start on Dec. 5.

Upon returning from the winter break, the team will have four weeks remaining in the competitive season, and will host Grand Valley State University in the PEIF pool Jan. 31 before gearing up for the GLIAC Championships.

# Wanted: A ton of goals

## Half-way point struggles

By Curt Kemp  
sports editor

The members of the Wildcat hockey team don't have a lot to be happy about with the first half of the season.

And a lot of Northern's problems have to do with the lack of scoring. Currently, only one team in the CCHA has less scoring on the season (Michigan State with 25) than Northern's 26 goals, and the leading NMU goal scorer half-way through the season has only four goals. Additionally, they're now without their starting goaltender, junior Brian Stewart, due to an injury, and in the last 11 games, have but one win.

But, despite all the numbers and statistics, if you ask head coach

Walt Kyle, he'll tell you the team hasn't played that poorly.

"People probably want to string me up for saying this, but I have not been disappointed with our guys and our play," Kyle said.

Sophomore forward Greger Hanson, the team's leading goal scorer and second-leading point man (4-4-8), agreed with his coach, that the team has been playing well, but added his frustration in not picking up the wins in the process.

"It's good to know we're in

the games and that we can play good," Hanson said. "We just need to learn how to execute and win games."

Last weekend, the 'Cats fell to Ferris State (7-6-3, 6-4-2 CCHA) twice, 6-4 Friday night and 2-1 on Saturday. Through the weekend, the Wildcats (3-10-1, 2-9-1 CCHA) let up 18 shots on goal Friday and 12 on Saturday, a total of only 30 shots. On average, the Wildcats allow only slightly less shots (28.7) in just one game.

"When you hold a team to 12 shots in a game, obviously you'd like to come out on top," junior defenseman TJ Miller said. "All year, we've had trouble scoring,

Once we get over that, we'll be fine. It's just finding a way to get the puck in the net, and it hasn't happened yet."

But, with 21 games remaining on the schedule, Kyle reiterated that there's plenty of hockey yet to be played.

"We are really disappointed in where we are, but we are not rolling over," he said. "It can change, it can change drastically."

For a change to happen, it's got to come soon. The end of the season marks the most difficult competition for NMU, with two of the final three series against No. 1 Notre Dame and No. 4 Miami, both on the road.

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— Walt Kyle  
head hockey coach



Jeff Kitson/NW

Early in the season, the Wildcats showed glimpses of greatness, like scoring five goals against No. 14 Michigan.

Sophomore forward Mark Olver, who picked up his first two goals of the year recently, said it's going to take one big win to bring the Wildcats back.

"One win, and then it turns into three wins, and it turns into five wins. That's really what we need," he said. "You can't just win seven games in a row, you've got to build off that first one."

If there's any shred of luck for Northern, it's the fact that seven of the next nine games will be on the road, away from campus, and away from any outside opinions on the season. Kyle said the slate of games over the semester break will give the team a chance to get away from all of that.

"I think the guys feel the disappointment and the hardest thing when teams are going like this, is to keep them positive and to keep them understanding that, our

job is to practice every day and get better and better," Kyle said. "And these guys are doing a great job in that regard."

On the road, the team hopes to come together and find a way to win.

"It's always good to bond with the team and hang out and work on the things that we have to do to start winning," Hanson said. "I think it's just going to help us a lot."

But, as of now, there's only frustration.

"As frustrating as it is for me, it's more frustrating for them," Kyle said. "Because everybody has expectations, and obviously at this point, individual expectations aren't getting met. It's hard for them, but I give them credit, they're hanging in there hard."

According to Olver, it's even more than frustration at this

point.

"I don't know if it's frustration or anger, but I think there's a little bit of sorrow, and then frustration probably comes in, and then pissed off comes in," Olver said. "Which is a good thing, because I don't think anyone wants to lose anymore."

Things won't be easy without Stewart in net. The junior was the CCHA goaltender of the week just three weeks ago, after their weekend with Bowling Green.

In his place is freshman goaltender Devan Hartigan.

"Stewie's probably our most valuable player going into the season. To lose him, it's difficult to replace," Kyle said. "But Devan's come in, and he's worked at it."

Kyle added that he was unsure on the date that Stewart would return to the lineup.

CCHA Standings	Conference								Overall				
	GP	W	L	T	SW	Pts	GF	GA	W	L	T	GF	GA
1. Miami	12	8	2	2	1	19	36	17	8	3	3	42	24
2. Notre Dame	10	6	2	2	2	16	38	20	10	3	2	58	27
3. Alaska	10	6	3	1	1	14	21	15	8	4	2	33	19
4. Ferris State	12	6	4	2	0	14	30	27	7	6	3	44	44
5. Ohio State	12	6	5	1	1	14	33	38	8	6	1	42	44
6. Nebraska-Omaha	10	5	4	1	1	12	35	24	9	4	1	49	29
7. Lake Superior State	10	3	4	3	1	10	27	29	4	6	4	37	39
8. Michigan	10	5	5	0	0	10	26	21	9	7	0	47	42
9. Bowling Green	10	4	5	1	0	9	17	32	5	8	3	34	53
10. Michigan State	10	2	6	2	2	8	14	29	4	9	3	25	43
11. Western Michigan	10	1	5	4	1	7	16	31	2	8	4	28	46
12. Northern Michigan	12	2	9	1	0	5	21	31	3	10	1	26	38

### Season Goalie Comparison

Minutes	PP goals against	Save percentage
627:53	8	.920
208:51	7	.872

STEWART | HARTIGAN

### CATCH THE WILDCATS OVER BREAK

Dec. 5 & 6 Lake Superior State  
7 p.m. in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

**DEC. 13 USNTDP (EXH.)**

Dec. 19 Michigan Tech  
7 p.m. in Houghton, Mich.

**DEC. 20 MICHIGAN TECH**

Jan. 2 & 3 Wisconsin  
8 p.m. in Madison, Wisc.

Jan. 9 & 10 Nebraska-Omaha  
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**Today, Dec. 4**

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

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

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

**Film:** "Metal: A Headbanger's Journey" will be playing at 6:30 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU

students, \$1 for non-students.

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

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

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

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

**Event:** Ebenezer Scrooge will show at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets on sale at all NMU EZ Ticket Outlets.

**Event:** Music Department Faculty Recital will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall. Free for everyone.

**Film:** "2001: A Space Odyssey" (G) will show at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to NMU students, \$1 for non-students.

**Fri., Dec. 5**

**Event:** Superior Edge Graduation will be held from 12-3 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:** Marching Band Banquet will be held from 6-11 p.m. in the Explorers Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Ebenezer Scrooge will show at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets on sale at all NMU EZ Ticket Outlets.

**Sat., Dec. 6**

**Event:** AA meeting will be held

at 10:30 a.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** Ebenezer Scrooge will show at 1 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets on sale at all NMU EZ Ticket Outlets.

**Event:** Marquette Choral Society will be performing at 7:30 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral. Free for everyone.

**Film:** "The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)" will be showing at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Free to students and staff with NMU ID. \$1 for general public.

**Sun., Dec. 7**

**Event:** Hearts of Yoga will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Superior Room and from 6-8 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Ebenezer Scrooge will show at 1 p.m. in the Forest Roberts Theatre. Tickets on sale at all NMU EZ Ticket Outlets.

**Event:** Marquette Choral Society

will be performing at 3 p.m. at St. Peter Cathedral. Free for everyone.

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

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

**Mon., Dec. 8**

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

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

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

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

**Tues., Dec. 9**

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

**Wed., Dec. 10**

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

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

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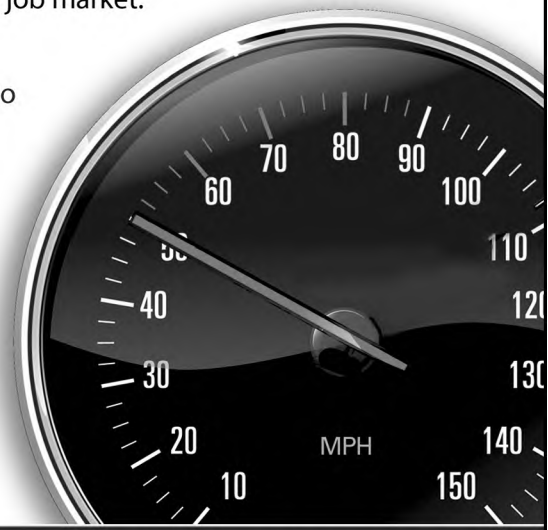
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**Shout Outs**

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**Santa** — I have been better than usual this year, so could you please bring Kornheiser a rug (or a Norelco)? Oh, and duct tape. — **EIC's mom**

**Microwave** — You burned out long before your time. RIP. — **510 N. Front**

**My 'fans'** — It would be nice if you could stay in the stands past the 3rd quarter, even if we're not smashing the opponent. (P.S: I miss G.B.) — **#4**

**Shout Outs** — I really like you, but we need to take a break. For like a month. Thanks. — **Opinions**

**Chad Mike** — Congratulations. I'm really proud of you. — **You Know**

**Queen City Peeps** — Have a damn good time without me next semester. You will be missed. — **Casper**

**Stark** — My Wednesdays will be so weird without you...until we have to do this for another semester. And how are those feet? Probably warm since you've got boots. — **Abent**

**Lundin** — I just looked at the Bobby Flay photo and nearly wet my pants. — **Shane**

**5 a.m.** — We can't keep meeting like this. — **I'm tired**

**LRK** — One more week, and I'll be a hobo once more! — **JDS**

**Stevie & Liam** — Thanks for helping me put things off this week. I'll see you soon. — **Curt**

**Richie** — This week could be the week. It has to be. — **Shane**

**Liam** — Sorry about the other week. My mind was elsewhere. But today, you have shout-outs from 2 different people. This issue is surely going in the scrapbook. — **Shane**

**Fallout 3** — Why can't I quit you? — **Still needs to hit level 20**

**NIEM** — Grats on your lvl 80, now you need to get that death knight above lvl 55. n00b. — **best. roommate. EVER.**

**NIEM** — Took you long enough to get to 80. Spent too much time in your room QQing. — **Shane**

**Left-overs** — Thanks for making me fat again. At least I'm jolly once more! — **Fat like the Assassin**

**Carson** — ADHD? NO WAY! — **Features Ed.**

**Whitney Morgan and Nicole Carl** — I don't have to work next Wednesday. Yeah, that's right. — **Claire**

**Mom and Rob** — It was nice to see you for such an extended time. I bet you can't wait for me to come home again. — **Daughter**

**Samm** — Congratulations! Its been two years coming and I'm very excited for you. — **Claire**

**Roommate** — It is Jeffrey's. Poop. — **Other Roommate**

**North Wind** — We're glad to get a break from you. — **NW Staff**

**Carson** — We're glad to get a break from you. — **NW Staff**

**Superfan** — Thanks for the food. I'll make sure to try to be nice to you this week. — **UnSuperfan**

**Veen** — Dinner on Wednesday with a bunch of folks? Bart you betcha! — **Stark**

**Abent** — 1) whine whine whine. 2) I wouldn't have feet right now without these boots, because they would have frozen to my shoes and everyone knows that's not good. 3) It is your official job to provide me with Doritos every Wednesday. Good luck — **Stark**

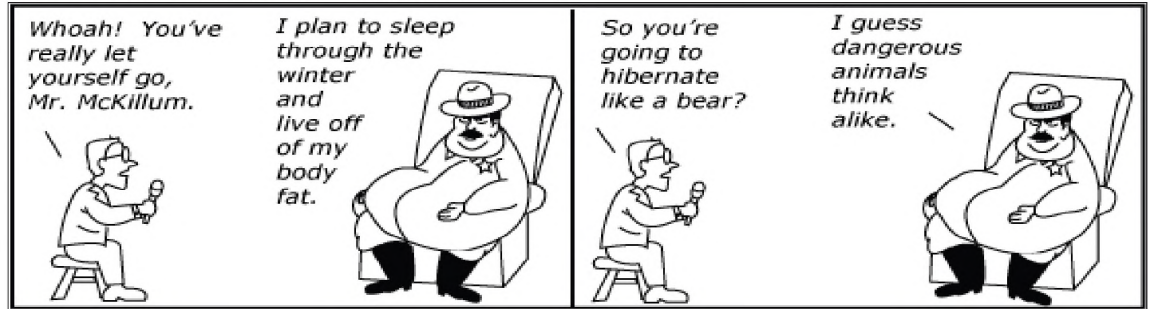
**Stark** — I'll see you this weekend. — **Me**

**Ma & Pa** — Last shout out of the semester. But I'll be living in your house, so you'll be getting your shout outs live for about a month. — **Daughter**

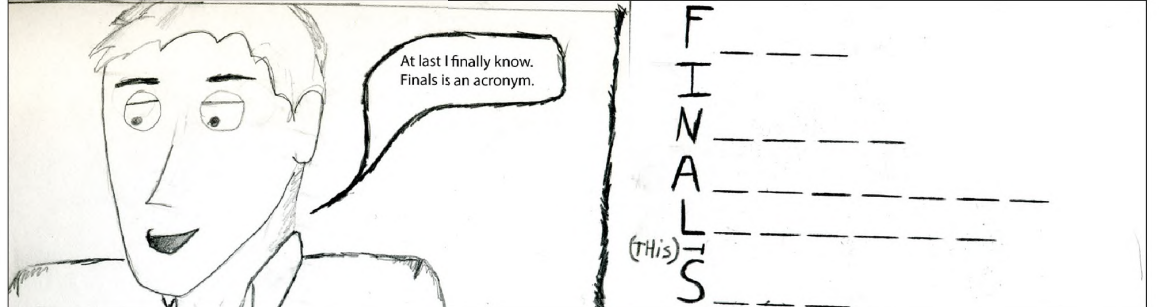
**Inspirations**

- Madonna's sloppy seconds
- Nurturing up a pie
- The 'A' word
- All the food that Claire bought
- Keeping Jackie from whining
- Last paper

**ASSASSIN SESSIONS** — Andrew McCanna



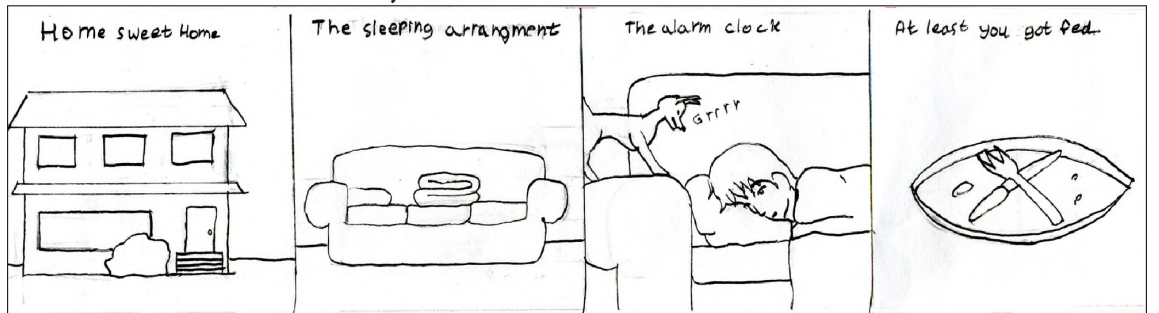
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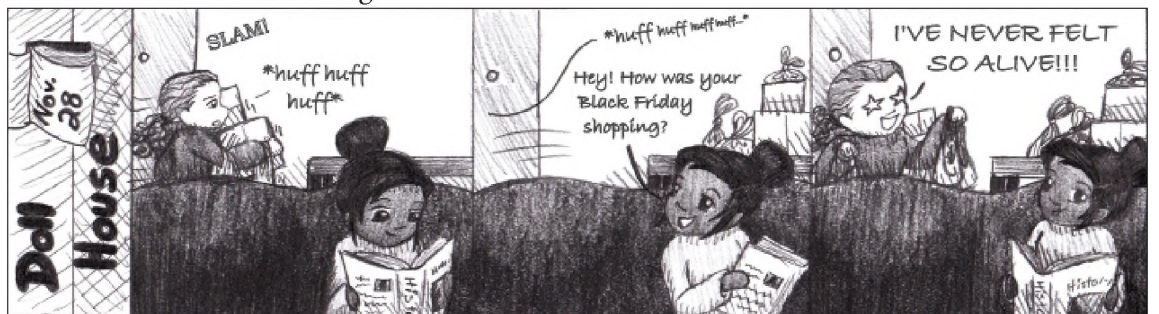
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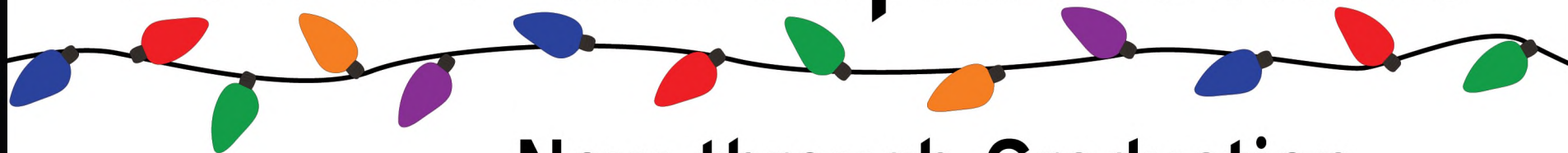
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