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Shirley Brozzo, associate director of MERC, reads at an open mic presentation on Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

## NMU celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day

By Ben Hocking  
staff writer

In order to commemorate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on Monday, NMU held several events throughout the week to draw attention to the achievements of the political activist and how his message has advanced the idea of racial tolerance.

Various campus organizations worked on events such as an open mic performance, a presentation by author Bakari Kitwana and a product drive to support underprivileged women.

On Jan. 18, students gathered in the Starbucks lounge to read

various types of writings to an audience of students and faculty members. Black Student Union member and electronic journalism major Aaron Whitaker read a poem for the occasion. She considered the event to be somewhat flawed because of the venue where the event took place.

"It was kind of irritating because a lot of the people weren't paying attention and weren't there for the program," she said. "It would have been nice if they would've been a little respectful and kept the noise down."

Despite the lack of an ideal venue for the presenting speakers, Whitaker believes that the mes-

sage of Martin Luther King can still be relevant within the NMU community today.

"There are still people out there who are ignorant about the black community," she said. "[They] only see the negative side while completely ignoring the extremely positive things that we have done and are still doing."

Whitaker said that other student presenters read mostly biographical information and poetry related to King, his wife, and Rosa Parks. Excerpts from speeches made by both King and President Obama were also performed. A birthday

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## ASNMU addresses concealed weapons

By Alex Belz  
assistant news editor

The Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) voted unanimously this week on a resolution against the bills in the Michigan state Senate and House which would allow people with concealed carry weapon permits (CCWs) to bring their guns on campus.

ASNMU President Jason Morgan said that the legislation would change the way that guns are regulated at the university.

"The bill from the House allows guns on campus. The bill in the Senate removes the university's right to regulate guns on campus," Morgan said. "Essentially, the bills repeal the right of the university to regulate guns on campus. Right now, the university has its own autonomy."

The resolution said that ASNMU is against House Bill 4348 and Senate Bill 747. Morgan said allowing guns on campus is dangerous.

"I think it's playing politics with students lives," Morgan said. "I think it's absurd to even consider allowing guns on campus."

Morgan said that several students with CCW permits have come up to him and said they felt they should be able to carry guns on campus. He said he thought even allowing guns which are legally obtained and registered,

is risky.

"The argument is that if students were allowed to bring their own guns on campus, we wouldn't have situations like Columbine or Virginia Tech. But let's say a shooter walks into a classroom ... if three other students pull out their guns and they start shooting, there's a good chance they'll hit other students," Morgan said. "And when Public Safety comes in, they're not going to be able to tell who the dangerous shooter is and who is trying to defend themselves."

ASNMU representative TJ Weber, who authored the resolution, said that after an article published in the Nov. 19 issue of the North Wind on the new CCW legislation came out, many students came to ASNMU wondering what could be done to stop it.

"ASNMU took on what students told us to take on. This is us standing up for students," Weber said. "It's basically a group effort."

The next step for ASNMU now that the resolution has passed is to go to the students. Weber said that a booth at the LRC has been discussed in order to gain feedback from students as well as educate them on the issue.

Another option is joining with the Student Association of

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## The Double Meaning of Green

New energy saving initiatives at NMU will help save costs and the environment

By Cameron Witbeck  
news editor

NMU has recently implemented several energy saving initiatives which are predicted to not only lower operational costs for the university but also help the environment.

Such initiatives include reducing the use of some of NMU's exterior lighting fixtures and rearranging the locations of classes to maximize heating efficiency in campus buildings. Gavin Leach, vice president for finance and administration, said that from these simple changes, NMU will save an estimated \$500,000 annually. The reduction of NMU's energy consumption is also in accordance with the goals set forth in the Road Map to 2015, said Leach.

"This year, based on new technologies we have implemented, we are enhancing our focus on facilities' operating cost. Our goal is to use resources more efficiently and to be a model community for sustainable practices," Leach said.

One of the changes being implemented is the consolidation of classes in efficiently heated buildings and utilizing air handling equipment to manage airflow in buildings. The new equipment allows the university to shut off the flow of heated air to unused sections of buildings. According to Leach, the department of engineering and planning worked closely with the registrar's office when organizing these changes.

"I think we can do it in a way that won't have a major effect on students," he said. "It will just af-

fect where you schedule classes. Either way, we have to assign the appropriate classroom that a class needs."

Leach said that it is difficult to tell if the savings from these initiatives will translate into lower or stagnated tuition prices for students. However, he did say that lowering the operating costs, or expenses related to running the university like heating and electricity, will have a positive impact on those prices.

Reduced lighting is another environmentally friendly and cost effective initiative on campus that has been implemented.

Jim Thams, the associate director of engineering and planning/grounds, worked with his staff on the project. The inspiration for the change came after Tom Olson,

an NMU electrician, noticed that some areas of campus with low pedestrian traffic were fully illuminated throughout the night.

"The idea that [Olson] came up with is that there are certain times of night with low activity on campus. So we came in and did a lighting survey by turning off certain light fixtures," Thams said.

Based on the results of the lighting survey, 120 of the approximately 500 exterior light fixtures on campus are currently turned off from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. During summer break, when fewer students are on campus, those 120 fixtures will be turned off completely.

Thams said that he does not think fewer lights will translate into increased crime rates on campus. Staff from the department of engineering and planning along

with officers from Public Safety worked together when taking a survey of lighting levels.

"[NMU's exterior] lighting level is relatively high," Thams said. "We took lighting levels and we gauged what it was going to affect. Even if we shut these 120 lights off, and you step off campus, it's going to be darker on the side streets than on the main campus."

Thams said that the initiative will save the university approximately \$9,000 annually, a figure based on current hours of operation, wattage, voltage and cost per kilowatt hour.

Art Gischia, associate vice president of business and auxiliary services, said that the initiatives were largely inspired by the university's

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## Skill Builder! on resume writing offered

Students looking to improve their resume writing skills can attend a workshop that is being offered by NMU Career Services. The Resume Workshop is the first of seven events planned by Career Services this semester to help students find a career outside of college. This workshop is an introduction to resume writing and can teach students how to properly advertise themselves to employers with a well written resume. "The key is to make yourself stand out among the competition," said Steve LaFond, assistant director of Career Services. It is important to highlight the portions of the resume that employers like to see, said LaFond. Things like degrees earned and volunteer activities are very important in creating an effective resume that employers will notice. The workshop will also teach students how to give references, write application letters and use an online resume system to get resumes posted for employers to view. The goal of these workshops and of Career Services is to aid students in career exploration, and to help them stay on top of an American job market that is constantly changing. The Resume Workshop, which is free for students, will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26 in 3301 Hedgecock.

— James Dyer

## NMU professor holds discussion on Islam

On Jan. 27, Mohey Mowafy, professor of health, physical education and recreation, will host a discussion about Islam and Americans' perception of the religion. The event is sponsored by the Center for Student Enrichment and is a Skill Builder! called "Islam and the World: Perpetual Conflict or Enlightened Reconciliation?" Every year since Sept. 11, Mowafy has held an open discussion at NMU to help students better understand Islam and its impact upon our society. "After Sept. 11 I realized I needed to say something," said Mowafy. "Nobody can defend any reason for such an act ... Grievances are not an excuse. My effort was to explain the complexity of the situation ... this is not a moment for black and white answers. This is very, very complex and requires an intellectual stamina to hang on and understand." Having been a member of the inter-faith community for years, Mowafy said he recognizes the need for student discussion and understanding of Islam. If enough people are interested this year, a follow-up discussion is planned to be held the next week. The discussion will take place in the Back Room of the University Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m.. To register for the event or find out more information, call 227-1771 or e-mail slfp@nmu.edu.

— Terry Reilly

## Scholarship competition to help Michigan

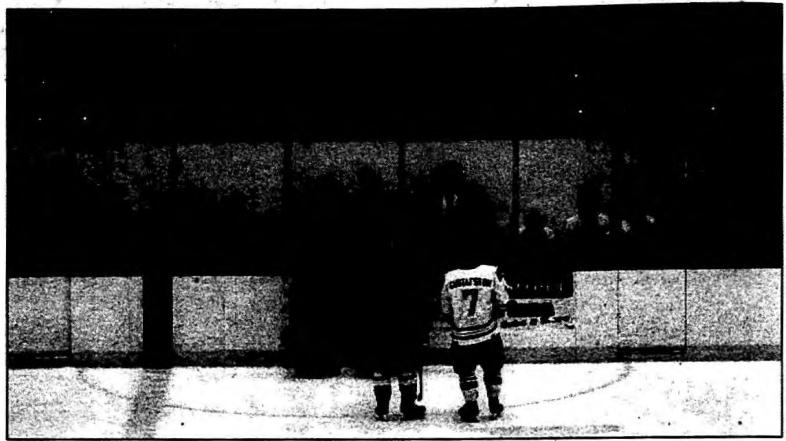
Several organizations including CIBER Inc., Comerica Bank, Presidents Council State Universities of Michigan and other sponsors are giving college and university students the opportunity to compete for a scholarship called Motivate Michigan to help Michigan's waning economy. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, on behalf of the state of Michigan, is asking students for their ideas to help. Students are asked to submit a problem statement, proposed idea, and expected outcome online. According to the Motivate Michigan Web site, submissions will be judged based on "creativity, originality, practicality and the potential economic impact to the state of Michigan." According to Tawni Ferrarini, professor of economics at NMU, it's important for students to attract jobs and retain them. "The future of Michigan's economy rests on the youth," she said. The top 10 entries in the competition will be posted online and the general public will choose the top five. Those top five will then be asked to present their idea to a panel of judges in May. The top 10 winners will be awarded scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$40,000. A list of complete contest rules and other information can be found online at [www.motivatemichigan.org](http://www.motivatemichigan.org). Entries can be submitted there from now until Feb. 26.

— Alex Eisner

## Corrections

The Page 6 editorial comic on Jan. 11, did not intend to single out one bar but should have reflected that all bars and restaurants are going smoke-free by law on May 1.

## Cooling off in the box



Trevor Pellerite/NW

The penalty boxes hold a full crowd after a scrum during the NMU hockey game on Fri., Jan. 15 against Bowling Green State University, while the referees confer about penalty minutes.

## Workshop helps students plan events

The Center for Student Enrichment will be hosting a workshop to assist student organizations in planning successful campus-wide events.

Lizzie Corser, special events coordinator for the Center for Student Enrichment and junior public relations major, said the purpose of this workshop is to make methods and techniques more readily available to NMU students in order to get the best turnout possible for events that their groups put on. According to Corser, organization will be a skill stressed heavily in this

workshop. Promotion techniques, hosting times, funding and advertising are some other relevant topics that this workshop will be covering.

"You don't have to have any event planning experience to put on an event," she said.

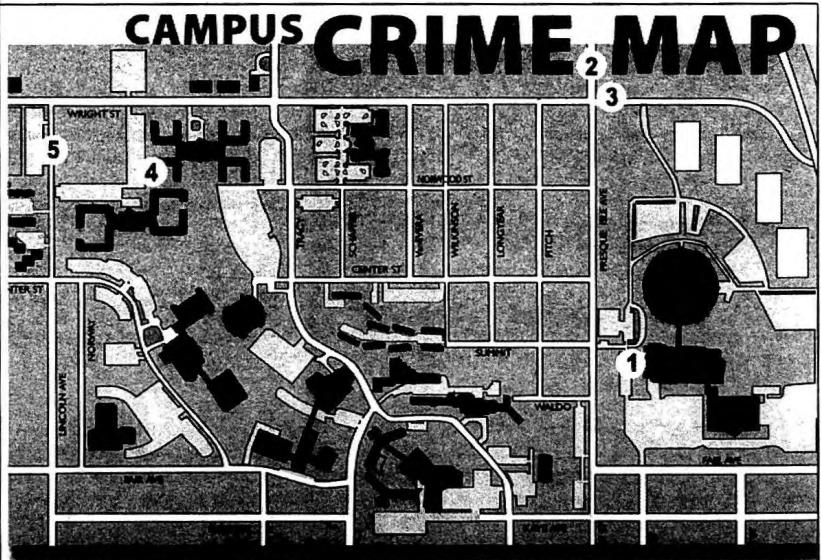
This workshop will offer important information and resources for student groups who are interested in putting on an event but not necessarily aware of the best ways to do so.

Corser said that the event is open to all students. While the material and techniques being

presented are unique to planning and hosting events at NMU, much of the skills are transferable outside of campus life, such as good organization, she said.

Students wishing to attend must register at [www.nmu.edu/slfp](http://www.nmu.edu/slfp) under the Skill Builder! workshops section. The workshop will be hosted by Dave Bonsall and Lizzie Corser on Tuesday, Jan. 26 in the Back Room of the University Center and is planned to last from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (906) 227-1771.

— Max Wojciechowski



1. Money was reported stolen from a locker room at 6 p.m. on Jan. 15 at the PEIF. The locker was left open.
2. Two students were given MIPs at 1 a.m. on Jan. 16 on Presque Isle. They were referred to the dean.
3. Two students were stopped for speeding and were caught drinking at 11:15 p.m. on Jan. 16 at Wright Street and Presque Isle Avenue. The case is closed and a citation was issued.
4. A student was given a citation for MIP at 11:36 p.m. on Jan. 17 at Lot 16.
5. Personal property was reported stolen from a motor vehicle at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 17 at Lot 20.

## Marquette community and NMU work together to help victims of Haitian earthquake

By Alex Belz  
assistant news editor

Marquette community members and Northern students are organizing efforts to send or offer help to the victims of the recent tragic earthquake in Haiti.

Physician's assistant Alice McMahon is a part of a group of Marquette community members and medical professionals who are making a trip down next week by seaplane.

"It's still being organized. We don't know how much is needed as far as numbers of people, or how many people can actually be housed down there. We don't know where we're going, so it's all been evolving," McMahon said.

The earthquake, which the American Red Cross estimates has affected about three million people in Haiti, struck 16 miles west of the capital of Haiti, Port-au-Prince. It destroyed important infrastructure, such as roads, which could have been utilized to get aid to the right places within the nation's borders.

McMahon said that since the airports are completely overwhelmed with planes sending help, seaplanes are a good way to reach the island nation.

"That's one of the things we were all excited about, being able to enter the country without having to inundate the Port-Au-Prince airport which is already really struggling with getting aid in for water and food and medical supplies," said McMahon.

McMahon said that there was a clinic that she helped set up south of Port-au-Prince which was a part of a major compound for medical professionals and their patients. This past Christmas, she learned that the clinic was servicing 4,000 people a year.

"We were all really excited about that. Sadly, we just heard the whole area was flattened. The guest house, the school, the church, everything," McMahon said.

McMahon said that while

the logistics of planning a trip to Haiti to help were difficult, she couldn't wait to go back and help.

Dave Bonsall, director for the Center for Student Enrichment, said that while sending help to Haiti may be difficult, he thought efforts in Marquette and at Northern Michigan University may still be substantial.

"I suspect that as the situation stabilizes and specific needs are articulated we will see a number of efforts conducted by student organizations and individual members of the NMU faculty, staff, and student body. Northern is a very giving community," Bonsall said.

Junior marketing major TJ Weber has started planning a trip to Haiti over Spring Break. He said he hopes that many students will join him.

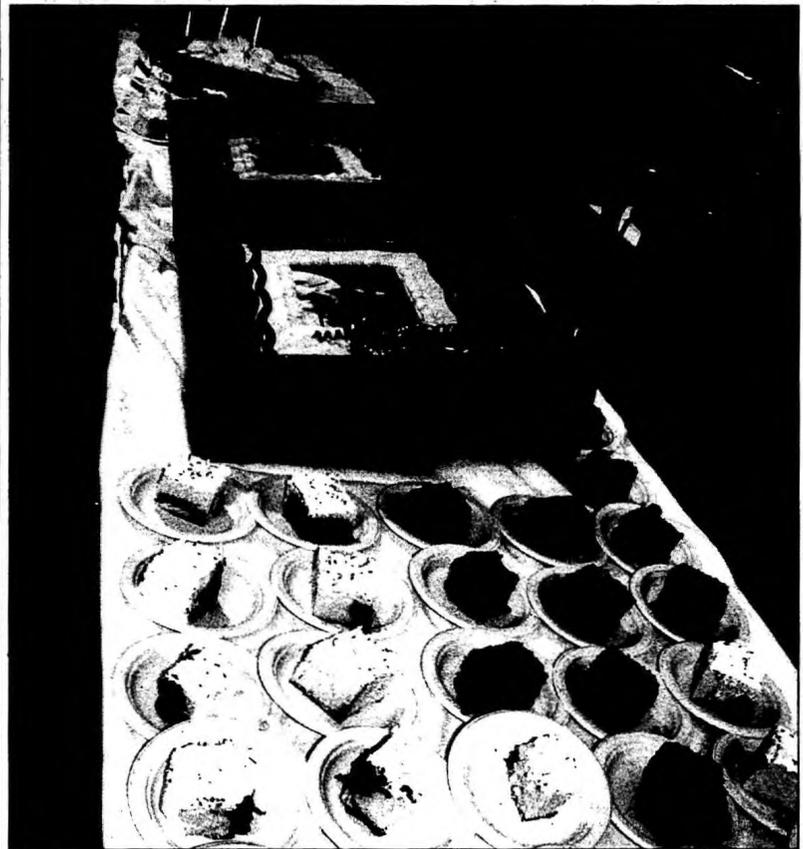
"We have the ability to do a lot of good during our spring break, instead of going out and partying," Weber said. "I just want to get as many people as possible if I can get something going."

Weber said he started organizing the trip after hearing about a trip which was being planned at Oakland University.

"I thought it would be a good way for Northern to volunteer. The people down there need a lot of help. We certainly have the ability to help," Weber said.

Those interested in donating to the cause have several options. McMahon's church, the Marquette Unitarian Universalist Congregation, is collecting donations for her group's trip to Haiti. Checks can be written out to the church with "Haiti Quake Relief" on the memo line. The funds will be used to send supplies and local medical personal to Haiti.

The American Red Cross is accepting donations as well as part of a national text message campaign. Text "HAITI" to 90999 and \$10 will be charged to your cell phone account and automatically donated to the Red Cross to help with relief efforts.



Paul Goodrich/NW

In celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday on Monday Jan. 18, cake was provided for students in the Learning Resource Center. The impromptu birthday party was a part of several events organized for MLK Day.

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cake was provided by Dining Services during the event in honor of the holiday.

Although Whitaker appreciates the effort put forth from the NMU community on Monday, she thinks one day a year simply isn't enough to be reminded of this important civil rights leader.

"I think programs like [the reading] should be more than just on MLK day, because history, especially black history, is [important] 365 days a year," she said.

Whitaker said she thought that NMU could do even more to further raise awareness of the contributions King made toward a more racially equal United States during his career.

"I believe that NMU could put an extra effort into promoting events like this and taking the time out to really pay attention to what

it is that minorities on campus need and/or want," she said. "[NMU needs] to get the student body excited about celebrating history, regardless of [their] race."

Associate Director of the Multicultural Education and Resource Center (MERC) Shirley Brozzo said that the events on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day are a small tribute to a significant historical figure in American social change.

"We have to keep remembering the fight and the struggle that [King] went through to provide equality," she said. "Students have to remember the ideas that King pushed, and we still have to continue the fight [toward these ideals]."

Brozzo said that she hoped speaker Bakari Kitwana, senior editor of newsone.com, would be able to reach a college-age audience with his speech on Wednesday night. Brozzo described Kitwana as a younger dynamic speaker who

can portray King's message to a college-age audience.

In addition to the speakers associated with the Martin Luther King Day, the MERC office is working with Planned Parenthood to setup collection areas around campus for products that are beneficial for underprivileged women. They are currently looking for items such as tampons, razors and other hygiene supplies geared toward women.

"With a small effort, you can make a difference for someone in a difficult situation," said Rebecca Tavernini, university editor for communication and marketing. "[The program] shows that the community cares about them and it shows that their basic needs are being taken care of."

Students and faculty interested in donating to the program can drop off supplies at the MERC office until Jan. 22, and items can also be dropped off at Planned Parenthood on Third Street in Marquette.

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Michigan (SAM), the overseeing body of Michigan student governments like ASNMU, in contesting the new legislation, should SAM decide it is against it.

Currently, SAM remains divided, as student governments across the state are having mixed reactions to the news of the legislation.

"It seems like when this was happening, it was kind of a mixed bag. Some schools are

opposed [to the legislation], and some felt like the opinion on campus was varied," said Jordan Twardy, president of SAM. "The delegates had an opinion. They were informed, but they wanted to make sure their students were equally informed before they committed to a position. I think it's a fair approach. I think if you're going to be a body that represents the students at your school, you don't want to speak for them

unless you know how they feel."

Twardy said that SAM has not taken an official position on the issue yet, and that they will wait until more student governments have decided how they're going to react to the proposed legislation before taking a stance.

Junior political science major Gavin Gray said he supports the proposed legislation, because those with CCW permits have to take classes and go through an extensive process to obtain the permit.

"It is important to consider

that people who qualify and obtain a CCW are the people who follow the law, and have good intentions in mind," Gray said. "If you don't believe our state is capable of setting up a reasonable and effective institution to issue concealed weapon licensing, then how could you rely on that same state to protect you?"

Stephanie Fouts, a sophomore secondary education major, also supports the proposed legislation.

"I would love to be able to carry. I'm five feet [tall]," Fouts said. "I sometimes don't feel

safe even just walking home at night across campus, and I go to Northern. Imagine if I went somewhere else."

Fouts said she has already taken classes for her CCW and plans to get one as soon as she turns 21 next year.

"I think that [on] college campuses, guns should absolutely be allowed. I do think you should have to take an extra class, maybe make it more difficult to get one," Fouts said. "But in my opinion, I think that the legislation should pass."

# Nutritional labeling project begun at NMU

By Drew Kochanny  
staff writer

Nutritional information in a college setting can be an important aspect to have, yet one may find it hard to come by on many college campuses.

Many college students are choosing a healthier lifestyle; a vegan or vegetarian diet is one of the ways they are doing so. Northern Michigan University's VegNMU is a student group for vegetarians and vegans. The group has been pushing NMU Dining Services for nutritional labeling and ingredient information in on-campus dining areas.

"The biggest problem for me was not knowing if a dish in the vegetarian section was vegan or not," said VegNMU member Erin McCulloch. "On the surface you can't always tell if the recipe included something like milk or cheese."

McCulloch, a history major and sophomore at NMU, said that labeling in on-campus cafeterias such as the Wildcat Den and Marketplace would benefit all students not just those who are vegans and vegetarians.

"Having nutritional labeling would help vegetarian and especially vegan students who are careful about what ingredients they choose not to eat," McCulloch said. "Nutritional labeling might also encourage students to make healthier choices.

If students knew exactly what was going into their meal they might think twice before going back for seconds."

Northern Michigan's Dining Services is currently working on a plan to take care of the lack of nutritional information. The idea is to increase the amount of nutrition labels and nutritional information, including allergens and ingredients, in on-campus dining areas.

Robin Rahoi, NMU's registered dietician, is working with NMU Dining Services to help create a healthier and nutrition based environment. The hope is to bring in more nutrition information to areas such as the Marketplace and Wildcat Den. However, the initiative has taken longer than planned.

"I think that has always been our goal, but the goal is just taking a really long time," said Rahoi. "I think that dining services realized [students] want it. I always encourage people, students especially, to let dining services know."

The current plan for NMU is to set up available binders at food stations containing the nutrition facts and ingredients of foods at the designated area.

"I think right now we are going to do binders," said Rahoi. "[We would like] several binders within the facilities so that a student can take it back to a table to look at it and then they know

where it is available if they want to look up that information."

Starting a food labeling program in an area such as the Wildcat Den or Marketplace is a big project, according to Rahoi. However, some menu items such as cereals, beverages, breads and salad dressings have already received labels.

"When we talk about food labels it's a pretty big project," Rahoi said. "We've started to do some labeling with things that come with a food label. Any of the foods that are coming prepared, we can get that information out."

Colleges such as Grand Valley State and nearby St. Norbert College offer students an online menu with nutrition information available on all menu items. St. Norbert lists over 700 different menu items for their dining area, which categorizes by specific groups such as breakfast foods or vegetarian choices. The college has been providing nutrition information for students for the past 18 years, said Matthew Doyle the associate direct of dining services at St. Norbert.

"We started with nutrition cards by the menu items and continue to do so," Doyle said. "Our online information has been available for the past four years."

The program is working with good feedback and, according to Doyle, students are using the on-

line site to check nutritional information on the menu often.

"I routinely look at [Web] traffic reports and see that our nutrition information is accessed over 50 percent of the time for our total Web site hits," he said.

Having a program like St. Norbert's in which menu item nutritional information can be checked online may take a while before completion at Northern according to Rahoi.

"I think in the big scheme of things that would be ideal as well," she said. "What would have to happen is the recipes would have to be online and the [they] would have to be followed right. I think that that project is a ways off."

Last year a letter was sent to NMU dining services from Veg-NMU concerning nutritional labeling and ingredient information.

"They responded quite well to our letter and definitely made an effort to address our problems," McCulloch said. "But after a while it seemed to fall to the wayside."

Regardless of when the plan is to be completed, Rahoi feels students will pay attention to the labeling and make better food choices down the line.

"I think that we have enough students out there who are asking for it," Rahoi said. "I think that even if [students] didn't utilize it, it is important to still have."

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desire to decrease operational costs. In Fiscal Year 09, NMU's heating and electrical costs ran in excess of \$6.5 million.

"We are a large consumer of electricity and natural gas and have minimal control [of] the purchase price. Reduction in consumption is something we all can do to reduce cost," Gischia said.

While the effect that these changes will have on the environment is not easily quantifiable, Gischia said that the principle of sustainability played a part in the creation of these initiatives.

"Reducing energy consumption is an effective display that the university is serious about its commitment to reducing [its] impact on the environment," he said.

Leach said that there are several other ideas for future energy saving projects, such as the proposed cogeneration heating plant. NMU received a permit for the plant this December. Another possibility that is being looked into is performance contracting, which involves a specialized firm assessing NMU's infrastructure and providing recommendations for optimal use of its operational resources.

"We are looking to enhance our sustainability across campus... in a way that lowers our overall operating cost," said Leach.

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Tuesday, February 16, 1-3:30 p.m.—Great Lakes Rooms, University Center

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## Staff Editorial

### Nutrition labels a must

Mysterious cafeteria food is a stigma that's hard to shake, as students have no way of knowing what exactly is going into the food that is lumped onto their plates.

Implementation of nutrition labels for packaged food, and eventually full recipes, in Dining Services' main eateries is a great step forward in reducing that mystery and establishing a firm understanding of what students are eating.

This change, something that not many universities take part in, is an obvious advantage for vegetarian and vegan students to make appropriate choices in a setting that often does not cater to a variety of options.

Vegan and vegetarian recipes will be the first assessed and added to the binders that contain the labels, a task that is hard to do as it involves standardizing the recipes with the chefs. Even with just packaged foods now, these students will be able to more carefully make decisions about what they eat.

Students with allergies also clearly benefit. Clearly documented information about allergens will make dodging the bad foods easy. These nutrition labels are wide-reaching; students who specifically exclude foods are not the only ones who benefit.

Research published in the Journal of American College Health found that students who were provided nutrition labels referred to them as they made their purchases, taking into consideration fat and calories.

With that in mind, it can be assumed that students will choose healthier foods with the labels provided, making, though maybe a small step, a step nonetheless in curbing the chance of obesity. It's no surprise that college students, especially those utilizing the campus eateries in their first couple of years, are likely to gain the dreaded "Freshman 15," but maybe the presence of food labels will make students more aware.

With nutrition labels available, students should take the time to understand them.

It's easy to bypass the jargon of what's included in one's food, but these binders are designed to help students understand what everything means, something that they can use a great deal outside of the Marketplace or the Wildcat Den. Ultimately, students will be able to make more educated eating decisions in and outside of Northern.

Students should take advantage of these binders because they offer information that Northern is proactive in providing, giving students the opportunity to know what's in their food, rather than passing the cafeteria-style stew off as mysterious.

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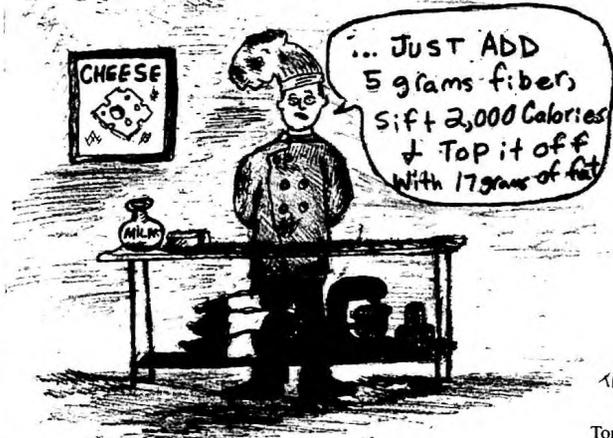
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# Legal prostitution is common sense



**For What It's Worth**  
Lucia Lopez

Recently, Nye County in the state of Nevada decided to legalize male prostitution, making it the first time in history that men have been able to sell sex legally. This is great news for men and women alike, but it shouldn't even be news. There are no reasons to keep male and female prostitution illegal in the United States. The benefits of legalization are worthy of relieving the negative stigma that prostitution carries.

According to the TNS global research firm, 30 percent of single men aged 30-year-old and older have paid for sex at least once in their lives. We need to accept that there is a market for sex, and people are certainly buying.

Prostitution, as defined by University of Tennessee Political Science professor John M. Scheb, is the practice of selling sexual favors. This practice is currently legal in many counties of the state of Nevada, though only eight counties are actively involved in the business.

Many argue that prostitution

is a matter of morality; that it's immoral to sell sex. But, just because something is illegal does not mean it will stop. After all, illicit drugs are as easy to acquire as legal ones, prohibition created a complex, underground moonshine business and we still speed despite clearly posted signs.

Keeping the prostitution status quo in the United States only decreases transparency of the problems it perpetuates. With prostitution criminalized as it is, we see sexually transmitted infections (STIs) spread, HIV/AIDS detection rarified, and prostitutes are victimized with violence due to pimping.

Furthermore, a study by Evangelina Giobbe for the non-profit organization, Prostitution Research and Education, found that 80 percent of prostitutes become involved with pimps throughout their careers. Giobbe also found that pimps use the threat of disclosing prostitutes to the public in order to control them. If the concern is that prostitution is some sort of slavery, then it's logical to legalize it so that pimps and their threats become obsolete.

The state of Nevada requires that prostitutes be tested weekly for chlamydia and gonorrhea and monthly for HIV/AIDS. Additionally, prostitutes are required to wear a condom for all

oral sex and sexual intercourse. These are strict guidelines that should be enforced in every state by the health department if prostitution were to be legalized. Not only would this prevent rampant spread of STIs and HIV/AIDS to customers, but it would alert prostitutes of possible problems.

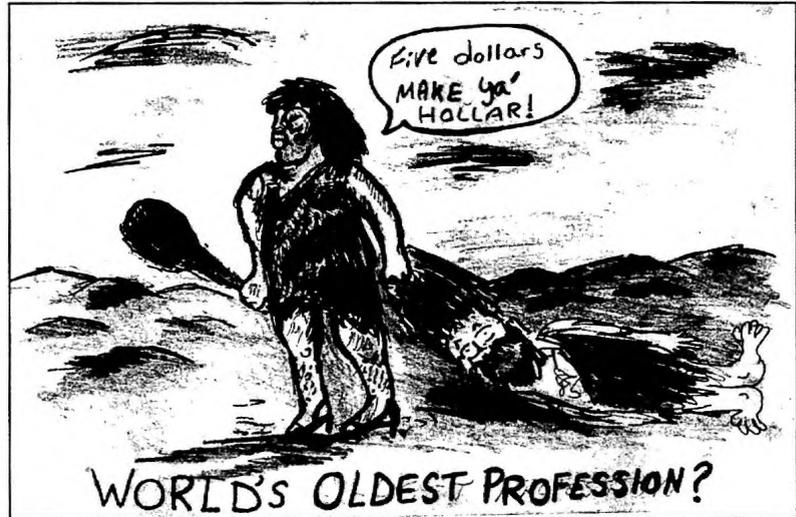
Additionally, prostitutes in Nevada are expected to pay income tax but not state tax. Prostitution should be treated like any other profession and be taxed just as harshly. What helps an

economic depression like the one we are in more than money? Legalizing prostitution would mean more people can be charged income tax and more people can be charged sales tax.

If that wasn't enough, the unemployment rate is 9.7 percent in the United States according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In the eight counties where legal prostitution is active in Nevada, it has created around 300 jobs total. Assuming that all states create an average of 300 jobs,

we could provide jobs for 15,000 people in a matter of months.

It's obvious that there is a market for sex; need I remind us of Elliot Spitzer or maybe Charlie Sheen? There's no doubt that we need the money. We need to decrease violence in our streets and we need to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and STIs. The solution is right in front of us but hides behind old-time laws and misconceptions. The oldest profession in the world is ready for our acceptance.



# Foreign aid needs tighter restrictions



**Staff Column**  
Whitney Oppenhuizen

Three years ago, I worked as an intern for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) under the Fisheries Investment for Sustainable Harvest (FISH) Program in Uganda, Africa. When I first arrived, I was proud to be working with the U.S. government to provide aid to people in a country that is much less fortunate than my own. By my third week, I experienced a shift in beliefs. These people needed our help to organize themselves and to teach them how to properly grow and harvest fish to make an income;

what they didn't need were foreign diplomats and their interns handing out checks to locals who had "fish farms." Surprisingly, this is exactly what is happening in most of our government funded aid programs.

Cutting checks is the least productive way to make a lasting change in developing countries. It encourages locals to act as con artists. USAID's programs last, on average, three years. This means that every three years, the locals can create a new means of funding. For example, a farmer could say he's growing wheat and go to the city to get his monthly check for his wheat farm and turn in forged paper work, then three years later he can "become" a fish farmer and do the same thing.

When USAID was first created, they were allowed to op-

erate outside of the Department of State. This gave them a lot more power, allowing them to track their budget as they saw fit. The Chief of Party for the FISH program refused to hand out checks or monetary donations. By doing this, the program was able save 20 percent of the \$2 million allotted for the three year program. By supplying the farmers with the equipment they needed, it was easier to teach the proper ways to run a farm and be responsible for animals' lives.

Four years ago, there was a situation in Cuba that came to the Associated Press's attention. USAID gave Cuba \$65 million to help Cubans who had fled to Miami and were forced to return back to Cuba. Additionally, they gave 385,000 pounds of food, medicine, and books to the country. After collecting re-

ceipts from the different groups who acquired donations for exiled individuals, USAID discovered that around 30 percent of the money had been spent in a questionable manner. This tragedy totaled \$19.5 million mis-spent.

The Cuba example is a mere glimpse into the spending habits of USAID. There are five other continents and more than 72 countries where USAID is working. We need to hold our government accountable for the money they spend. It's time to stop the quick fixes and start investing in long term solutions. It is our job as citizens and taxpayers to keep tabs on how our Federal Government is spending our money, especially if our goal is to help make these developing countries stand on their own feet.

Reading this made me won-

der about what is going to happen with USAID's Haitian relief effort. On Jan 12, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti devastating the small island nation. The death toll is 200,000 people, with 250,000 injured and 1.5 million people left homeless, according to the Associated Press. As of Jan 17, USAID was sending 70,000 bottles of water from the Dominican Republic to Haiti and sent three major water purification systems that can purify and produce 100,000 liters of water a day.

So far, the way USAID is handling the situation in Haiti seems responsible. After all, they're not writing blank checks like they have in the past. It is still to be seen whether or not USAID will keep tabs on how the grant money is spent, so keep a watchful eye and hope for the best.



# Too little, too late for Haiti relief efforts



**Staff  
Column**

**Cameron  
Witbeck**

On Tuesday, Jan. 12 a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the island nation of Haiti, killing an estimated 200,000 people and causing incalculable destruction to homes and other buildings. The damage left behind by the earthquake is just as dangerous as the event itself, as it has left many Haitians without potable water, food or access to medical supplies.

The international community has bonded together in relief efforts. Countries from China to Iceland have pooled together resources, from food and clean water for survivors and volunteer workers to military aid to help in search and rescue efforts. Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as Doctors Without Borders and the American Red Cross have been actively provid-

ing medical support for the countless injured Haitians, along with setting up preventative measures to protect against the inevitable spread of disease in post-catastrophe areas. American media outlets have heavily monitored the situation in Haiti and featured opportunities for citizens to provide help and support for Haiti.

The outpour of support and empathy for the devastating plight of the Haitian people has been a welcomed change in an age of apathy. However, like Hurricane Katrina and the tsunamis in South East Asia, the response of the American people, media and government to the earthquake has been reactionary and not proactive. It seems as if we as a people can only be moved to compassion by a sudden and devastating act of nature. Only then are the deficiencies in infrastructure, prevalence of corruption and lack of resources that exacerbated the effects of these catastrophes made evident.

According to the CIA World Factbook entry on Haiti, over 80 percent of its residents live below

the poverty line and more than 54 percent are living in abject poverty. Even before the earthquake, Haiti was listed as the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere and the eighth poorest country in the world. The World Food Programme (WFP) has estimated that over 2.4 million Haitians have no immediate access to food, and The Guardian reported that due to a mixture of tropical storms, a poor economy and disastrous conservation techniques, many Haitians have resorted to subsisting on a "food" that is actually sun-baked clay mixed with salt and shortening.

While NGOs and countries like the U.S. have been active in Haiti for decades, there is little to show for it. The WFP has been working to provide food for Haitians since 1969; however, the food supply in Haiti covers only 55 percent of the population. Haiti's lack of agricultural development, poor infrastructure (i.e. roads and water supply systems) and corrupt government have made the effects of the earthquake worse. Doctors and rescue teams can not get clear

access to survivors and those who survived the initial earthquake are susceptible to starvation and sickness from stagnated water.

Had only a fraction of the resources currently being poured into Haiti been delivered and devoted to development prior to the earthquake, perhaps the death toll of the tragedy could have been

reduced. The international community, and more specifically the U.S., must change their method of helping. If we are serious about saving lives and making a difference, we have to take a more active approach that includes helping countries develop and become sustainable instead of waiting for a natural disaster to clean up.

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HAITI BEFORE

HAITI AFTER

# Objecting to an English-only America



**Guest  
Column**

**Chris  
Paulus**

After reading forum upon forum on the Internet proudly exclaiming that only English should be spoken in the United States, I've realized that there is cause for concern about the perspective of the American populous beyond these vigilant American walls. Our insistence on speaking English in America can be easily dissected by viewing it through a discipline often ignored: linguistics.

The fact that so many people are obsessed with this issue is a continuing example of how ignorant people are in the United States. We are completely blind to the idea of multilingualism,

yet just about every other nation is open to the idea. "Multilingualism is the norm around the world," said David Boe, an English professor at NMU. According to CIA World Factbook, Switzerland has four official languages. South Africa has eleven. Canada is bilingual. The two countries in which English is predominantly spoken, Britain and the United States, don't even have it as their official language. English, which to other countries is a foreign language, is at the top of education in many countries. According to Jan Svartvik, author of "English: One Tongue, Many Voices," English is...the most commonly taught foreign language all over the world. We are becoming increasingly dependent on foreign goods, yet we're arrogant enough to believe that it's not practical to become a multilingual nation like the rest of the world.

Besides, when have we ever taken seriously the idea of put-

ting respect for language at the forefront? The priority list of the average American doesn't always include speaking English properly. I'm tired of texts and e-mails that say "wat r u up 2," and "your wrong." I'm tired of people doing "bad" on tests and not speaking "good" English. People constantly tell me they "seen" someone at the store. Every day I see grammar and spelling errors on Facebook. Companies also have odd ways of representing the language well: McDonald's has a "Drive-Thru" -- left and right they continue to name themselves things like "U Save Autos" and "Homes 4 U." We claim that we can't understand immigrants trying to speak English, but I say that I can't understand Americans trying to speak English. How is it that we can demand that new immigrants speak our language when students attending higher, formal education, or companies such as

McDonald's, can't even provide at least a decent example of how the language ought to be spoken? Not surprisingly, the grammar police are coincidentally off duty when it comes to culture bashing and intolerance.

Observing these hypocrisies, it is my contention that these noble patriots aren't really out to respect and preserve the language of a culture. Rather, the animosity towards foreign language is a reflection of the uneasiness associated with cultural acceptance. It is understandable that we are uncomfortable with hearing a predominant new language in our country, but it is an ignorant, not to mention a fruitless response to try to push it away simply because we're uncomfortable. Most of us realize this and we're embarrassed about it, so we, consciously or unconsciously, conveniently hide our true nativist agenda behind propaganda, non-existent laws,

and logic that ignores boundaries of culture, diversity, and circumstance. Our true agenda is part of a greater goal of carving up language a little nicer to make the world seem safer to ignorant Americans. Profanity makes us uncomfortable, so we ask the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to modulate radio waves and censor out obscene language on television.

Words such as "cripple," "poor" and "midget" make us uncomfortable, so we impose euphemistic language such as "economically disadvantaged." Likewise, foreign languages, people and rituals make us uncomfortable, so we impose lame logic and propaganda to prohibit their arrival as well.

We say people aren't learning English? The only population of people not learning English is us. From now on, let only decent representatives of the English language do the talking.

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# Mothers' rights should be respected



**Professor's  
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**Dr. Ruth  
Watry**

The fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution says, "nor [shall any state] deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." However, we frequently see our laws treating mothers very differently than fathers, especially when it comes to giving up rights or liberties in the best interest of a child.

According to ABC News, in March 2009, a Florida hospital

obtained a court order allowing them to require that a woman who was 25 weeks pregnant stay in the hospital for the duration of her pregnancy to preserve the life and health of her unborn child. Samantha Burton had gone to the hospital due to concerns about premature labor, and when the medical staff recommended that she spend the duration of the pregnancy in the hospital on bed rest, she declined, stating that she had two young toddlers at home that needed care. The state justified this civil commitment, saying that the wellbeing of the unborn child was at risk and that, since Burton refused to quit smoking, they would keep her at the hospital regardless of her protest.

Although Burton miscarried three days later, she, with the support of the American Civil Liberties Union is taking this case to court, arguing that the courts should not have the right to take away a woman's right to make her own medical decisions.

Many states have fetal homicide laws, meaning that if someone were to kill a pregnant woman, he or she could be charged with the homicide of the unborn baby. Nineteen of these states apply the law at conception, but is this going too far?

On the surface, many people probably have no problem with this decision, but I will argue that this holds mothers to a much higher standard than expectant

fathers.

How would we, as a society, have reacted if instead of a headline reading "Pregnant woman fights court-ordered bed rest," we had a headline that said "State bars expectant father from entering his home because of Cigarette Smoking"? After all, a study released at a 1996 meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research in Washington, said the compounds associated with second-hand smoke can cause genetic damage and may be a prelude to childhood leukemia and other cancers. The study suggests that cancer-causing chemicals in cigarette smoke pass from mother to unborn baby, whether the mother smokes or not. Second-hand

smoke can be just as harmful to an unborn child, but there would be uproar if we were to interfere with the freedoms or liberties of a man in his own home.

The unconstitutional actions of Florida should not go unpunished or overlooked. There is no justification for allowing limitations on the liberties of a pregnant female just like it is not appropriate to put limitations on the man or husband in the house where a pregnancy is taking place. To fail to do this is to fail to treat men and women equally under the law, as the Constitution clearly requires us to do.

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What are you doing to eat healthier at NMU?

Compiled by Tiffany Paradine



**Marisa Colton**  
Sophomore,  
Environmental Science

"There's a lot of activities in the U.P that I do and I make healthy food choices."



**Ashley Stein**  
Senior, Theater

"Going to the PEIF and sopping at the Marquette Co-op."



**Betsy McDonoff**  
Senior, Theater

"Parking in parking lots far away forcing me to walk and eating my roommate's food."



**Katie Stilin**  
Senior, Outdoor Recreation

"Snowshoeing, running, and working out at the PEIF"

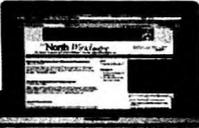


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## Paintball club strives for recognition



Members of the NMU Paintball team strategically place themselves around the field in order to get the shot that'll take out an opponent from another team. The NMU paintball team is currently seeking to be recognized as an actual sport on campus.

By Delaney Lovett  
staff writer

A year ago, the NMU paintball club was finding its roots, attributable to the hard work of the three current co-captains. Since then, it has evolved from a group of three members to 300 members with sponsors and multiple programs in a matter of months to accommodate students' desire to play one of the fastest growing sports in the nation.

The club was organized by president and co-captain Nick Boyle, a junior business management major.

"There was a group of guys here who went out and played for fun. I took the [initiative] to turn it into an actual competitive team because we had a lot of interested people," Boyle said. "We built this team up into a full competitive team that goes out and plays in tournaments."

NMU's paintball club is in the process of acquiring sponsors for their team and gaining support from the university and the community.

One of the team's most recent sponsors is the NMU Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). The paintball club is showing their appreciation to the ROTC through the design of their new camouflage flag tournament and woodsball jerseys, according to Boyle.

The NMU paintball club has also found support in its members, Public Safety, and President Wong.

"I talked to President Wong,

and he was really excited to hear about [the paintball club]. As long as the students are having fun, that's what he wants," Boyle said.

The university does not yet consider paintball to be a sport. This step would help NMU paintball compete at a higher level within the National Collegiate Paintball Association (NCPA) which opens them up to a broader scope of competition with tournaments throughout the school year.

"There's the common misconception that a marker is a gun, is a weapon. A paintball marker marks someone with paint, a gun kills," Boyle said. "You just have to laugh at it."

Vice president and co-captain Brian St. Amour, a junior business computer information systems major, agrees that paintball has this false impression and negative connotations associated with it. The club is taking action to change minds.

"We're trying to get a presentation together to show people what it's really like and make the decision [to become an official sport] and not the misconception that it's just shooting," St. Amour said.

Paintball, especially when playing in tournaments, requires athleticism and teamwork to be successful.

"You have to do a lot of sprinting and be quick on your feet," St. Amour said. "Shots are fired at 12 balls per second and when you've got five guys shooting at you, you've got to be pretty quick."

The most athletic part of a fast-

paced paintball tournament is "the breakout," when the players run to their respective bunkers. From there, communication is one of the deciding factors in who wins the match.

"Middle players try to make sure front players don't get bunkered shooting at close range. They relay information between the front and back guys on what needs to be done. The back players are usually at big standup bunkers so they can see what's going on. It's their job to get the information to the front players," St. Amour said.

The paintball club has woodsball and recreational play as well as the capture the flag style tournament team. Woodsball is played in the woods and matches can last up to an hour, according to St. Amour.

Paintball can be played recreationally either on an airfield like the tournaments or in the woods. NMU's tournament team requires more commitment than the just-for-fun woodsball and recreational programs.

Just like other NMU sports, there are some fundraising and other obligations to be part of the team.

"We want to get a squad or two of decent players to play some local tournaments," St. Amour said. "We're hoping to do that this semester, actually."

Along with finding more players for their team, becoming an NMU sport and competing at a high level within the NCPA, the NMU paintball club hopes to be part



Photos courtesy of NMU paintball club



of the national paintball tournament in Florida next year.

They also want to acquire enough funding to create a field to practice on and use it to recruit new players, like the two or three people with professional experience.

"We want to get the word out because we know there are people who want to play," said co-captain Randy Loveless, a junior human centered design major.

Loveless is the creator of the paintball club's Web site, [www.nmupaintball.com](http://www.nmupaintball.com). This includes everything someone would want to know about the club and how to play.

"We have a news page where we promote recent sponsors. We also have a 'captain's corner' where you get the view of the team from the captain's point of view," said Loveless. "We also have a 'play for NMU' link which tells a little bit about joining and you can fill out a players form."

Students don't have to be skilled to play. Many of the current members have years of experience and are willing to teach anyone who wants to learn. Northern students who are interested can fill out a form online, send an email to [paintball@mmu.edu](mailto:paintball@mmu.edu) or call Boyle at (906) 250-0662.



# 'Bones' not as good as it should've been



Film: *The Lovely Bones*

Director: Peter Jackson

Producers: Peter Jackson,  
Fran Walsh

Writers: Philippa Boynes,  
Peter Jackson, Fran Walsh

Starring: Saoirse Ronan,  
Stanley Tucci

Runtime: 139 minutes

Rating: PG-13



By Scott Viau  
features editor

The story of a girl who is murdered and watches what comes after from a place between heaven and Earth may sound like it would be in steeped in sentimentality and cliché situations. For some scenes, it is, but Peter Jackson's adaptation of Alice Sebold's novel is an entertaining fantasy thriller.

Susie Salmon (Ronan) is a girl with an infectious love for life. At 14, Susie has started to discover the beauty the world has to offer. This idealistic view

of the world is soon shattered when her neighbor George Harvey (Stanley Tucci) traps her in a specially dug hole and murders her. After her death, Susie finds herself trapped in a world that is not quite Heaven and not quite Earth. From this place, she can see her family and how her death has torn them apart while her killer continues to roam freely. If her family is to ever find peace, Susie realizes they will need her help.

While "Bones" contains several Academy Award winning or nominated actors, the performances here leave a bit to be desired. Ronan's portrayal of Susie is somewhat annoying with her wide-eyed, innocent stare. I

was never able to develop a deep enough connection with her and did not feel a lot of emotion when she died. Her parents, played by Rachel Weisz and Mark Wahlberg, give sufficient performances, and while they both are good actors, I didn't find them believable. Susan Sarandon (whom I can't even remember the last time was in a theatrical feature film), is one of the few who are able to give their character life. The real standout here comes from Tucci. His performance as George Harvey is every bit as creepy, despicable and horrifying as it should be. While it's highly unlikely that he'll win, an Academy Award nomination is thoroughly deserved.

Peter Jackson's direction is generally solid, but his vision of heaven and the in-between worlds that Susie is stuck in are a little hokey. They are beautiful to look at, sure, but there's really nothing there that most people wouldn't assume Heaven would look like. There are trees where the leaves fall off and grow back instantly, and the ground has a semi-translucent feel. Susie's afterlife and the world her family still inhabits sometimes collide to create a mixture of fantasy and reality. None of it is really bad, but it feels like more could have been done to make heaven

seem like a truly amazing place rather just a surreal landscape.

The music that is sometimes implemented is a little odd. Jackson tries to lighten the mood by using a montage of pop songs and it destroys any emotional buildup the story will need. Towards the end of the film This Mortal Coil's "Song to the Siren" plays while Susie finally meets a bunch of other women in her version of heaven. While the song is ethereal and haunting, it feels out of place. The soundtrack of this film may have been better off had they only used an instrumental score.

The best part of this film is

around the last half hour, when it looks like Harvey will finally receive his comeuppance and the family will be at peace. Unfortunately, much like real life, not everything can be wrapped up into a tidy little bow and forgotten about. Seeing the lengths Susie's sister goes through to find her sister's killer is captivating.

Jackson's "The Lovely Bones" is not his best work, which is a disappointment. While "Bones" was expected to be a major awards contender, what we are left with is a small film that'll please some, but disappoint most.



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!  
Jack Salmon (Wahlberg) suspects neighbor Harvey (Tucci) is the man responsible for his daughter's murder but hasn't proof to convict him.

# 'Book of Eli' won't make you a believer



Film: *The Book of Eli*

Director: Albert Hughes,  
Allen Hughes

Producer: Joel Silver,  
Andrew Kosove

Writer: Gary Whitta

Starring: Denzel Washington,  
Gary Oldman

Runtime: 118 minutes

Rating: R



By Brett Hilbrandt  
staff writer

Films with post-apocalyptic themes are unique; they show modern humanity with no law and usually no hope. The "Mad Max" trilogy shows how primitive humans become when technology is dead and gone, and recent film "The Road" shows humans becoming closer when all hope is lost. "The Book of Eli" uses both of those ideas, but this time it is just like the real apocalypse: empty and unfortunate.

The world has been destroyed by war, and survivors are scarce. Mysterious drifter Eli is traveling West carrying a Bible that he believes will change the world, because God will protect him. Eli stumbles into a small town of people that are governed by Carnegie (Oldman). Eli kills some of Carnegie's men, and he is imprisoned until he agrees to join Carnegie's army. While incarcerated Eli befriends Solara (Mila Kunis), a girl who is also being held captive by Carnegie. An escape leads the two Westward bound. Carnegie figures out about Eli's Bible, which is the only thing Carnegie cares about in his life. Eli attempts to make

it out west, but he can't without God's occasional magic powers and Solara's help.

Denzel Washington is one of Hollywood's leading men and has the choice of nearly any film in production. For some reason, though, he made this film. His character was decently interesting, but it never sat right with me that he was the actor. His acting was just about the same as it has been in his past films, but his stern, clear voice never made an impact on this one. However, his acting in the film's occasional fight scenes was impressive. While I enjoyed Mila Kunis in "Forgetting Sarah Marshall," her acting was bad in this film. The awful dialogue was not her fault, but she was as interesting as a piece of wood. Oldman is one of my personal favorite actors, and while I was not very impressed by him, he was without a doubt the best character in this film. Ray Stevenson, from "Punisher: War Zone," was especially pointless in this film. The remainder of the cast was just dirty people yelling too much.

Directors Albert and Allen Hughes have a impressive film record with "Dead Presidents" and "From Hell," but they failed on this attempt. Their war-torn world was impressive, but it felt too fake, and the monstrous plot

holes kill this movie. The action scenes are easily high points, but there are only about 10 minutes of them. I usually enjoy drawn-out movies, but this movie had a ridiculous amount of filler scenes that killed its pace.

The score is not used for a large portion of the movie, and it hurts the film. The scenes feel dull, and the random electronic noises sounds like Trent Reznor sitting on a keyboard. The special effects were not bad, and every action scene looked good. The hand-to-hand combat was enjoyable, but there just wasn't enough. The cinematography was not great, but it was well done.

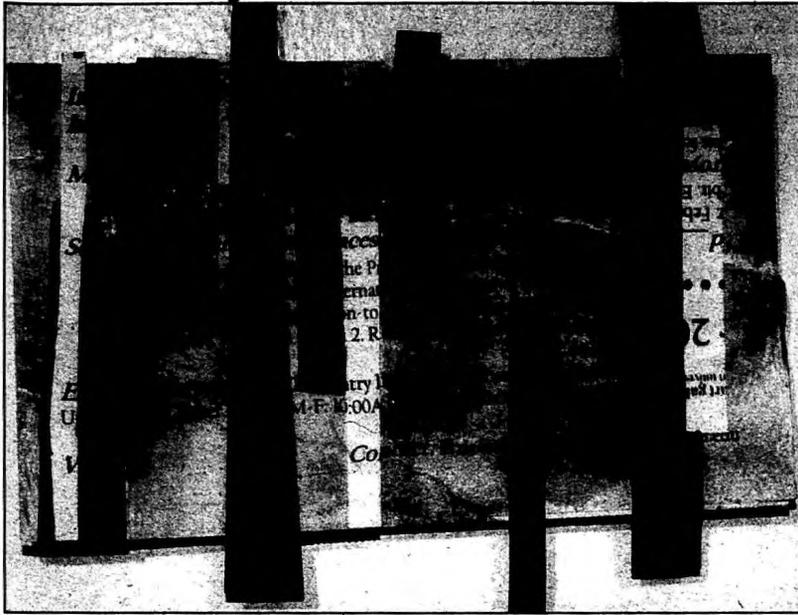
The large vast shots of deserts, war torn cities and a decaying golden gate bridge were appealing, and the sets were done well.

"Eli" was not horrible, but it's definitely not good. The fight scenes are very entertaining, and if you're a fan of Denzel then you might enjoy some parts of the film. On the negative side, the pace was slow and boring at numerous points, and a movie based at least 30 years after the apocalypse should never have a working iPod and Dr. Dre's Beats headphones. "The Book of Eli" attempts to show us faith will save us all, but sometimes you need more than a little prayer.



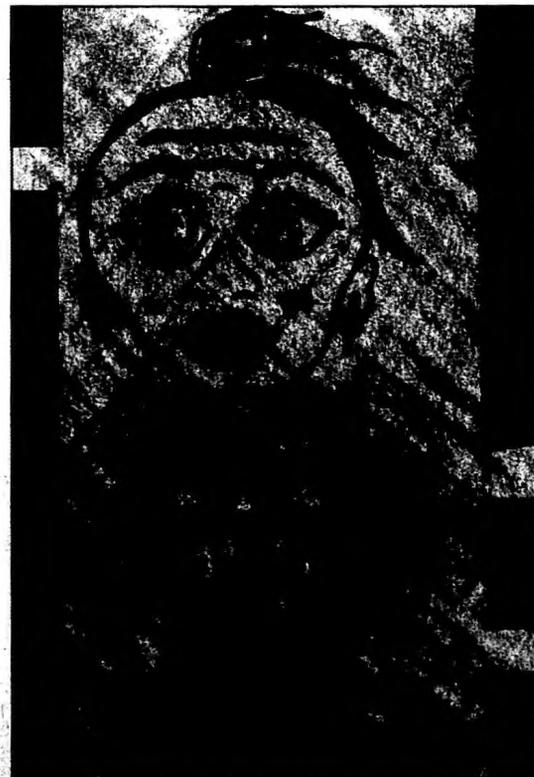
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Eli (Washington) carries the last known copy of the Bible during the post-apocalypse. He must fight off those who want it in order to survive.

# Gallery makes students instant artists



The Students' Art Gallery, located on the first floor of the University Center, is a gallery in which students can submit art throughout the year. This semester, exhibits include "Infectious Color Spectrum" from Monday, Feb. 1 to Wednesday, March 10 and "Messy Youth and the Destroyer" from Thursday, March 11 to Friday, April 2. The last exhibit of the semester is "People, Places and Things" from Monday, April 5 to Friday, April 23. For more information, students can visit the Web site at [art.nmu.edu/sag](http://art.nmu.edu/sag) or e-mail [ldziesin@nmu.edu](mailto:ldziesin@nmu.edu).

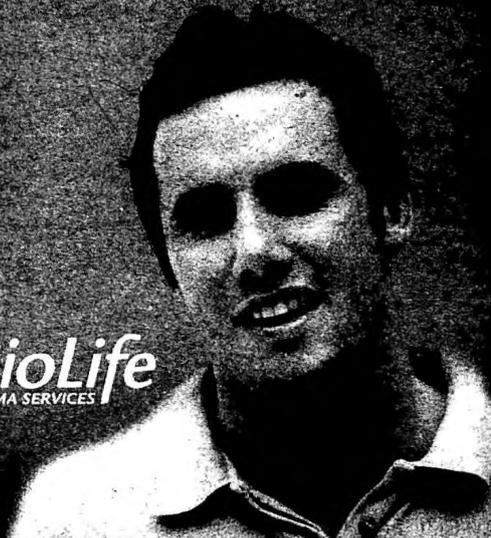
Until Friday, Jan. 29, the gallery will be hosting the "Instant Art Show" where students can create 3"x5" pieces of artwork of whatever they choose. These pictures are from the exhibit.



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Left: Trevor Pellerite, Above: Yin Tang/NW

Left: Wildcats Greger Hanson (No. 9) and Ray Kaunisto (No. 71) look to complete a pass past a Falcon defenseman last weekend. Hanson finished the weekend with five points; Kaunisto added three of his own. Top: Forward Phil Fox fires a shot towards Bowling Green goaltender Nick Eno. Fox has eight points on the season, coming off four goals and four assists.

## Wildcats send Falcons home winless

### Hanson tallies five points in series, Stewart earns second shutout

By Trevor Pellerite  
sports editor

Although last weekend's games against visiting Bowling Green didn't go perfectly for the NMU hockey team, things could have been much worse.

After earning a 6-0 victory and a 3-3 tie against the Falcons (3-18-3 overall, 2-13-3-2 Central Collegiate Hockey Association play), the 'Cats came away with five conference points and extended their unbeaten streak to six games. Brian Stewart backstopped the 'Cats to Saturday's shutout victory.



KYLE

Head coach Walt Kyle said he thought a change in mindset from previous games helped the

Wildcats succeed.

"One of the things that we talked about and wanted to emphasize was we wanted to control the tempo," Kyle said. "I thought we really did that. I thought we came out on Friday and set the tempo, and both nights we were really effective on the powerplay."

The Wildcats put on a goal scoring clinic on Friday, racking up goal after goal against the ineffective Falcons. Junior Greger Hanson led the way with four points on the evening, coming off two goals and two assists. The four other Wildcat goals all came from different sources, something Kyle was pleased to see.

"I was really pleased with our output; I think it was really spread

out across the board. It shows that we have guys that can respond if we have to," he said.

One skater who found the back of the Falcon's net was sophomore Tyler Gron, who started the scoring for the 'Cats on both nights and brought his season goal total up to five.

"It was a good weekend for me, obviously the most important thing is getting the team going, but it was nice to help the guys out and get a couple goals," Gron said.

Brian Stewart made 23 saves for his second shutout of the season and has now allowed just seven goals in his last six games.

Saturday's game began very differently for the 'Cats, as they spotted the Falcons a one-goal lead to take into the first intermission. In Kyle's estimation, a failed five on three powerplay opportunity by the Wildcats early on set the tone for the game.

"Those things really have a way of changing the tempo of the game both ways, if you score you're off and going, and we didn't score," Kyle said. "All of a sudden they end up killing a minute and a half of five on three, and that's a huge momentum swing for them."

After an ineffective second period, NMU faced a two goal deficit to start the third. Fortunately for them, the Wildcats came out firing on all cylinders for the third period, however, and clawed their way back to tie the game at three apiece with goals from senior Billy Smith and sophomore Justin Florek.

After an indecisive overtime period the game went to a shootout to determine the league points. Hanson and junior Mark Olver scored while Stewart stopped

two Falcon shooters to give NMU the extra point. Although a regulation win would have been optimal, Kyle was pleased to win

**It's all work ethic right now we just need to want it more than the other team.**

— Tyler Gron  
Sophomore Wildcat forward

the shootout.

"It was great, five out of six points is good. You knew they were going to come out [after being beat 6-0] and respond," he said.

Gron thinks the team realized the implications Saturday's game could have and fought back into things.

"I think we just kind of

realized how important the game was. After winning 6-0 on Friday night, you can't come out and lose Saturday night," Gron said.

"We just came in here after the first period, we didn't say much, we just knew what we had to do. We got things going pretty quick, and it was nice to tie that game up. It was a game we needed to win."

The Wildcats currently sit tied for eighth place in the CCHA with Ohio State University, and are ranked No. 23 in the PairWise rankings.

NMU's upcoming series against the University of Nebraska-Omaha could have important league and tournament implications. The 'Cats will travel to Omaha after sweeping the Mavericks (10-11-5 overall, 6-10-2-1 CCHA) in Marquette

earlier this year. Wins against Omaha are crucial if the 'Cats are to finish the season the way they want to.

"Our goal right now is to finish in the top four in our league, which is very attainable and to get home ice in the playoffs," Kyle said. "We've got to win if we're going to have some success in the playoffs."

Gron knows that keeping the intensity up will be the key to victory.

"It's all work ethic right now, we just need to want it more than the other team. Nebraska's a good team. We had some luck with them when they came here earlier in the year, but things aren't going to be as easy," he said.

The 'Cats will play at home next on Jan. 29 and 30 for a series against Alaska-Fairbanks.



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Wildcat goalie Brian Stewart makes a save against the Bowling Green Falcons. Stewart finished the weekend with a shutout and a 4-3 shootout victory.

# Men's hoop's break win streak, drop two

By Drew Kochanny  
assistant sports editor

The NMU men's basketball team dropped both of their home contests this past weekend, falling to 7-7 on the year with a 4-6 GLIAC record.

Thursday's loss came against the Findlay Oilers (12-3, 8-2), who sit atop the GLIAC conference rankings this season, by a score of 71-66. Saturday's loss came by the stroke of the Hillsdale Chargers (3-11, 3-7), who lit up the scoreboard, knocking down 14 three-pointers and giving the game a 78-62 end.

"Offensively, we're playing with a lack of confidence," head coach Dean Ellis said. "We've got very good players who are struggling to score in stretches, and we're a lot better than that."

In all, 25 3-pointers were given up over the weekend by the Wildcats, presenting a lack of execution in the perimeter zone defense.

Despite the loss to Findlay, the Wildcats were able to outshoot the Oilers, shooting 46 percent from the floor to Findlay's 44 percent. Unfortunately, giving up 11 3-pointers to NMU's six, hurt the Wildcats in the end.

"We've been giving up a lot of three-pointers and unfortunately the other team has been making a high percentage of three-pointers, so that's been hurting us,"

sophomore center Jared Benson said.

Benson brought in 11 points on the night to go along with eight rebounds. NMU's leading scorer was once again sophomore guard Raymont McElroy with 15 points. Freshman forward Mylan Murphy contributed 13 points as well as seven rebounds and three blocks.

Hillsdale came in with only two wins on the season but walked away victorious thanks in part due to the three-point shots given up by NMU. The Chargers shot 50 percent from the field and 56 percent from beyond the arch. A once 20-point lead by Hillsdale in the second half would prove to be too much to come back from for NMU.

"The shooting from the other end was phenomenal," Ellis said. "Findlay shot the ball well, but Hillsdale was borderline unconscious on some of the shots they made."

The time for the Wildcats to hit a three-game skid on the year couldn't have come at a worse time, as the team now finds themselves traveling away for four straight games. The first comes against Lake Superior State (9-6, 7-3) on Thursday, Dec. 21, then down to Saginaw Valley State (10-5, 7-3) on Saturday, Dec. 23.

The road stretch doesn't bother Ellis however, who has seen his team perform better away from

Marquette at times this year.

"For us we've seemed to play better on the road this year," Ellis said. "Every game is a game you can win and every game the other team can win. We'll go out and battle."

The Lakers, coming off of a loss to Wayne State, rank first in the conference in 3-point field goals made a game, averaging 8.1, with 121 on season.

"They're good shooters and they put up a lot of shots from the outside," Benson said. "That should be difficult for our zone, but we can swing around the zone and get a hand in their face. Then they're not shooting that well."

The post play, led by Benson and Murphy so far this season, should have reasons to flourish against the Lakers smaller team. But the post is 18 feet from where the Wildcats have their concerns against Lake State.

"Everyone needs to figure out what their role is in the zone," Benson said. "We're getting it figured out and hopefully we can do it pretty quickly here because we can't lose too many more."

Saginaw Valley State is currently holding a four-game win streak, all over conference opponents. Both games should be a test to the Wildcats, with big conference implications on the line. Ellis feels that the confidence and execution of the team needs to pick up, and then things should

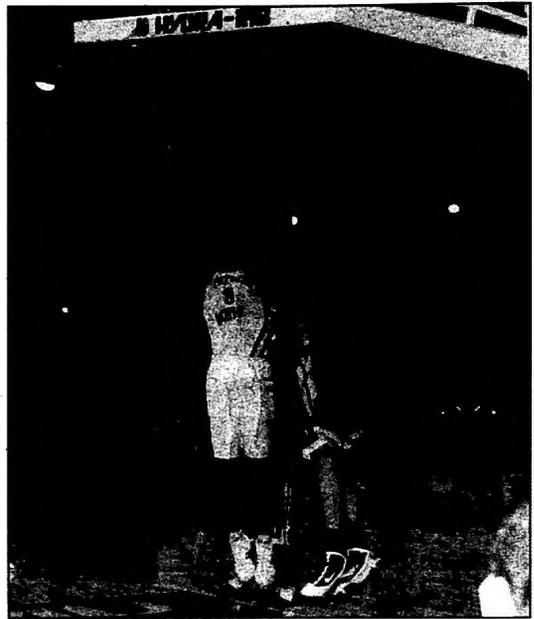
be all right.

"On offense it's us making decisions to compete and finish shots and be mentally tougher on both ends of the court, it's the same thing," he said. "We need to be stronger running our sets and

"trusting our plan."

Game time versus Lake State is set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Sault St. Marie.

The Saginaw game will tip off at 3:00 p.m. Saturday in University Center, Mich.



Ashley Wiggins/NW

NMU sophomore center Jared Benson shoots over a Hillsdale defender in Saturday's home loss. Benson brought in nine points and eight rebounds.

# Wildcat women split home weekend

By John Becker  
staff writer

The NMU women's basketball team split their home games last weekend and will be on the road for two conference games this weekend.

On Jan. 14, the Wildcats (10-5 overall, 7-3 GLIAC) were defeated in overtime by the University of Findlay Oilers (12-3 overall, 7-3 GLIAC) 80-83. Junior guard Kellie Rietveld missed a 3-pointer at the overtime buzzer but was still second in points with 18, behind junior guard Steffani Stoeger with 21. Senior guard Christa Erickson earned a double-double with 14 points and 12 rebounds.

NMU head coach Troy Mattson said the team did well at the beginning of the game but lacked heart after halftime.

"We just had a bad first four or five minutes at the start of the half. We didn't defend hard enough, we didn't commit ourselves to playing good enough on the offense and then we turned it over too many times," he said.

Rietveld said while she wanted the basket at the buzzer, the fact that she missed still serves as an experience upon which to improve.

"The fact that it didn't go in just means that I have to have the confidence and the timing so when the opportunity comes again, I'll put it in," she said.

She also said a defeat serves as a point where teams can step back and reevaluate their game plan.

"The loss against Findlay makes us work harder and look at what we need to do to win. You have to take what the defense gives you and play to the best of your ability," she said.

On Saturday, Jan. 16, the 'Cats were victorious against the Chargers of Hillsdale College (6-8 overall, 6-4 GLIAC), 77-73. Stoeger again led with another 21 points, followed by Rietveld with 16. Despite having come from off the bench, junior center Erin Powers earned a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Stoeger was named as the GLIAC North Division Player of the Week for her performance in the weekend's games. She was unavailable for comment, but Mattson said Stoeger is one of the team's key players.

"She's just a great person, and she plays as hard as anybody in our league. She's been a big part of our turnaround, and for her to be able to get some accolades on the side is outstanding, but I can guarantee you she's worried about one thing, and that's winning basketball games," Mattson said.

Senior guard Mariah Dunham was cleared to play against Findlay after sustaining a back injury at Michigan Tech on Saturday, Jan. 2, but was benched after 26 minutes because of recurring back pain.

She is out once again, now for an indeterminate amount of time.

However, senior Holly Cole has returned to the rotation, which Mattson said is a big help to the team.

"Just giving us another person in that rotation helps us a lot with our stability and game," he said.

The 'Cats will head on the road to take on the Lake Superior State University Lakers (9-5 overall, 6-4 GLIAC) on Thursday, Jan. 21.

Mattson said a victory against LSSU will give the team a little breathing room between them and the teams behind them but also that the team must focus.

"We got to make sure that we're defending properly, and we need to take care of the basketball on the road. You get away with it at home sometimes, but on the road you're definitely not going to be able to get away with it," he said.

The team will then travel to face the Saginaw Valley State University Cardinals (4-11 overall, 2-8 GLIAC) on Saturday, Jan. 23. Mattson said that Saginaw is a progressing team but that they shouldn't be underestimated.

"Saginaw has struggled a little bit, but they're an improved team over last year, and we need to take all precautions and make sure that our team continues to get better. If we play well, we're going to be able to beat just about anybody in our league," Mattson said.



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Northern junior guard Kellie Rietveld elevates against a Findlay defender. Rietveld scored 18 points along with five rebounds in the loss.

# Where have all the loyal coaches gone?



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Have the days of prestigious college football coaches come and gone? You remember, the good ol' days, when it was Bo Schembechler versus Woody Hayes instead of just Michigan versus Ohio State. The days of the Bobby Bowdens and Joe Paternos of the college football world may be behind us. A sense of artificiality and dishonesty where coaches only take one position to make it to another has taken over the major college football coaching realm.

It's not that there are no prestigious coaches left; Paterno is still

kicking around Happy Valley, Mack Brown has built a dynasty at Texas, Jim Tressel has brought Ohio State back and Bob Stoops has been a stable leader for Oklahoma for over a decade. But, with the exception of Paterno, when will those coaches take their plunge into the next best thing?

The "coaching carousel," as the major media outlets have titled it, is the end-of-the-year coaching frenzy that resembles more of a bucket of chum being thrown into a shark tank rather than a coach choosing a profession.

In all, 22 coaches have been tossed into the water to find new places to call home next year. Three exceptionally large and historically prominent BCS schools (USC, Notre Dame, and Tennessee) found themselves searching for coaches in what is left of an offseason in college football.

It all began with former Cincinnati head coach Brian Kelly. Kelly built the Cincinnati football program into a powerhouse over the last two seasons winning two conference titles, with two BCS appearances. When Notre Dame fired Charlie Weis, the Golden Domer's came a callin' to Kelly. Of course he couldn't turn it down; he's a Catholic Irish, and it's Notre Dame. Turning down that job would have been like Tiger Woods turning down a woman at the bar. Kelly never coached Cincy in their bowl game, left for Notre Dame and the rest is history. Butch Jones, please take your seat in Cincinnati.

Ah, now USC and Tennessee, they just so happen to connect. USC head man Pete Carroll, who looked to follow in the footsteps of Bowden and Paterno in building a program long term, is on his way to bigger and better things. That being the Seattle Seahawks

in the NFL. Could it be because USC is set to face NCAA sanctions of recruiting violations and may be hit with probation in the very near future? No, Carroll wanted another challenge (and trust me, the Seahawks will be one) but wouldn't USC have been a challenge coming off of one of its worst seasons in a decade and under NCAA probation? Well perhaps it's not enough of one.

Tennessee never expected to be in the mix for a coach after its once again gloomy 7-5 record in Rocky Top. But the celebrity of a coach in Lane Kiffin never expected his dream job, USC, to open up either. Kiffin bolted out of the Volunteer state and headed straight for the southern California sun at USC. It was just one year after the coach promised to bring Tennessee back to the national contender they once were in the days of Phillip Fulmer. He was going to sing "Rocky Top"

all night long. Remember the famous speech he gave us when he was hired? "No one is going to outwork us, no one is going to outwork me as a head coach, and no one is going to outwork our staff that we put together." That's not bad, Lane. Maybe you can use that one at USC now too, and it's only a year old.

It's sad to see that in an already corporate-run world, college coaches are being persuaded by money and punched around by athletic directors. What happened to love of the game? When will we see a coach turn down a Notre Dame or an Alabama job to build a team from the ground up like Kelly could have done? The classification of a college football coach has become 'what have you done for me lately' and since only one coach a year can win a National Championship, the answer to that question is almost always; not enough.

## Track squad prepares for lone home meet

By Trevor Pellerite  
sports editor

Just one week after returning from winter break, the NMU women's track team was already back into competition, racing in the Lake Superior Classic on Saturday, Jan. 16 in Sault Ste. Marie.

Although no team scores were kept, individual times were recorded, and NMU coach Tom Barnes was pleased with the way his team performed.

"There's some good competition at this meet; everyone did well for this time of year," Barnes said. He was most impressed with the attitude his squad brought to the meet. "The thing that made me most happy was team spirit everyone had and the sportsmanship. They have good attitudes and they have fun. Those are the two important things."

Top performers for the Wildcats included sprinters Britnee Balbierz and Catherine Angeli. Balbierz won the 55-meter dash and finished second in the 200-meter event, while Angeli took second and first, respectively.

"They're actually a couple of top sprinters in the GLIAC," Barnes said.

Also turning in top performances were Erin VanEnkevort (second in the 800-meter run), Becky Rotter (second in the 400-meter run) and Nora Kiilunen (second in the 1600-meter run). The Wildcat distance squad dominated the 3000-meter event, taking the first through sixth spots.



**SQUIERS**

Although she was pleased with her finish, Squiers was hoping for more. "I know I can perform better," she said. "It was a qualifying throw, but it wasn't what I expect of myself as a thrower. I expect more."

Her finish earned her the title

of GLIAC Field Athlete of the Week, an honor she felt reflected as much on NMU as it did on her.

"For Northern and Northern track and field, it's just a big step," she said. "It feels good for the team in general to get recognition out there, to show that we can compete."

Squiers is currently ranked seventh in the weight throw event in Division-II after her Dec. 5 throw of 17.29 meters.

Up next for the 'Cats is their lone home meet of the season, on Saturday, Jan. 23.

As it is the last home meet for the current senior class, Saturday will also serve as senior day. Barnes is hoping for a strong showing from his team.

"Usually, everyone has good performances here at this meet," he said. "I'd like to see some improvement on times. We're really strong in the jumps, so it'll be nice for those athletes to get to do some of their events."

Senior recognition will be at 10:45 a.m. Field events will commence at 11 a.m., followed by running at 11:30 a.m. All events will be held in the Superior Dome.

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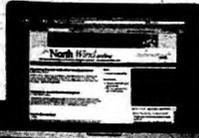
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**Thurs., Jan. 21**

**Event:** Superiorland Kiwanis will meet from 7 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. in Pioneer Room A in the University Center.

**Event:** Student Leader Fellowship Program will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the Den Lobby.

**Event:** Intersvarsity Christian Fellowship will meet from 6:30 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Charcoal room of the University Center.

**Event:** Victory over Death will meet from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Marquette room of the University Center.

**Event:** Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Brule room of the University Center.

**Movie:** "The Host" will be playing in JXJ 102 at 9 p.m. Free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Fri., Jan. 22**

**Event:** 23rd Michigan State AFL-CIO U.P. Labor Conference will be held all day Friday and Saturday. Registration fee: \$30 includes conference, materials and lunch, students are encouraged to attend. Special student rate: \$10, \$5 late fee per person

after Jan. 18.

**Event:** Superior Edge orientation will be held from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the Back Room of the University Center.

**Sat., Jan. 23**

**Event:** 23rd Michigan State AFL-CIO U.P. Labor Conference will be held all day Friday and Saturday. Registration fee: \$30 includes conference, materials and lunch, students are encouraged to attend. Special student rate: \$10, \$5 late fee per person after January 18.

**Movie:** "Where the Wild Things Are" will be playing at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102. Free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Sun., Jan. 24**

**Event:** Victory over Death will meet at 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Marquette room of the University Center.

**Event:** Steppin Out Dance Club will meet at 6:45 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Superior room of the University Center.

**Movie:** "Where the Wild Things Are" will be playing at 6 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102. Free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Mon., Jan. 25**

**Event:** Graduate Student Association will meet at 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. in Pioneer Room A of the University Center.

**Event:** First Aid Productions will meet from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Nicolet room of the University Center.

**Event:** ASNMU will be meeting from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Charcoal room of the University Center.

**Tues., Jan. 26**

**Event:** Immersed will meet from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in the Cadillac room of the University Center.

**Event:** NMU International Dancers will meet from 6:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Superior room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** Resume Workshop will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Room 3301 C.B. Hedgecock. This is a free workshop.

**Event:** \$\$! Time! Promo! Crowd! Planning a (Successful) Campus Event -- Skill Builder! will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** PRSSA will be meeting from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Pioneer Room A of the University Center.

**Event:** Women's Club Lacrosse will meet from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Nicolet room of the University Center.

**Event:** Campus Crusade for Christ will meet from 9 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in Pioneer Room B in the University Center.

**Event:** Student Leader Fellowship Program will meet from 9 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Charcoal room of the University Center.

**Event:** Outlook will meet from 9:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Marquette room of the University Center.

**Wed., Jan. 27**

**Event:** Study Abroad Information session will be held from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m. in Room 141 Whitman Hall.

**Event:** Islam and the World: Perpetual Conflict or Enlightened Reconciliation? (Part 1) -- Skill Builder! will be held from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Downtown NMU Student Skate Night will be held from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at 112 South Third St. This is a free event; skates can be rented for \$3.

**Event:** Student Leader Fellowship will meet from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Charcoal room of the University Center.

**Event:** NMU Crew will meet at 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Marquette room of the University Center.

**Event:** Women's Club Lacrosse will meet from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in Pioneer Room B of the University Center.

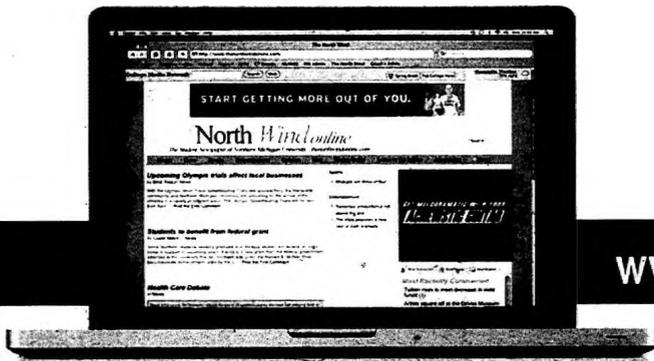
**Event:** NMU HILLEL will meet from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Erie room of the University Center.

**Event:** Lutheran Student Movement will meet from 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. in Pioneer Room A of the University Center.

**Event:** WELS Campus Ministry will meet from 9 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Nicolet room of the University Center.

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**Shout Outs**

**Thao**— Happy Birthday, Darling. I hope that your golden birthday is wonderful. — **Cameron**

**Thao**— Happy birthday! I hope you've got your drinking hat on, because it looks like we're in for a four day extravaganza. Word life! — **Alex**

**Steph**— That definitely goes for you, too. I owe you two drinks. You better make them count! — **Alex**

**Lola and Nemo** — Band practice soon? And someday can we watch DC for real? — **Alex**

**OE** — Thanks for letting me say Elian Gonzalez in my opinion column. But next time, we need more Belgian babies in our paper. Like, a lot more. — **ANE**

**Chief**— You hear me? A lot more! Also, thanks for all the sage wisdom. Let's hang out again soon. — **Belz**

**Gina**— You're going to be amazing this semester. You will undoubtedly be the best nurse ever. We'll be around to help whenever. — **The Girls**

**Jango**— I know I'm your favorite and people are talking. They're jealous. — **Lu**

**Cuzy**— I'm so glad you're a skilled pirate so we can now watch "I hope they serve beer in hell." — **Lu**

**Biggy**— I meant what I said the other night. In case you don't remember, call me up if you need to talk. — **One of the few you don't dislike**

**Glzmo**— You make epic sounds. — **You know who**

**Nikki and Allison**— I love you. We'll be okay, right? — **Lu**

**Evan**— Our bet is still on. You have 'til the end of the semester. — **Lu**

**Allison**— Shoutout to you 'cause you're my boo — **Mark**

**Lu**— Shoutout to you 'cause

you're the definition of BFF — **Mark**

**Cameron**— I just wanted to say I love you. And Have fun with the Root Canal on Friday!! =) — **Thao**

**Friends**— Thank you for making my birthday so special. Love you all. — **Thao**

**OE**— Thanks for letting me be opinionated this week. — **BM**

**FE**— I enjoy your appetite, even when you don't have one. — **BM**

**EIC**— We are kicking butt, you rock at what you do. — **BM**

**Editorial side**— Thanks for letting me tag along and pretend to be one of you guys for a couple hours. — **BM**

**New news Writers** — You guys rocked this week — **Cameron**

**EIC** — I'll have a good idea some day, I promise. — **NE**

**JB** — We need to go see a movie this weekend or just actually do something. I'm getting tired of just sitting around and I'm sure you are too. :- ) — **Scott**

**OE** — I enjoyed getting to know you more tonight quite a bit. You should stop by my apartment sometime and meet my BF and hang out. But, like I said, call first. — **FE**

**EIC** — I would like it very much if you borrowed movies from me. Please come over and browse through my vast selection. — **FE**

**FE**— I'm so glad you're my new BFF. — **OE**

**SE**— Don't worry, we're still BFFs. — **OE**

**Editorial Staff Comic**—One day, we will write/draw you. — **OE**

**Tom Cory**—You amaze me. Thanks for your hard work! — **OE**

**Belz**—I still vote for typewriters, Italy and Lost — **OE**

**Josh** — I'm glad we're becoming good friends. I think I'll keep you despite your great abilities to annoy me. — **Lu**

**Mark** — I'm glad we're friends. You're great to have around. — **Lu**

**Corey**— I'm crossing my fingers for our future in radio. — **Lucy**

**Inspirations**

- Cranium
- Family Dinners
- Blogs
- Stress,
- Indian food
- 21st Birthdays
- Love/hate relationships

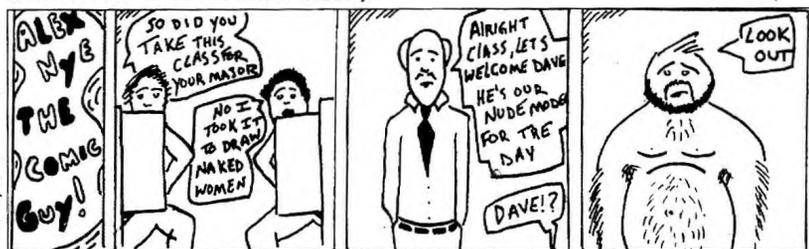
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