



## NMU WiMax expands coverage area

By John Becker

staff writer

Northern Michigan University and the Negaunee City Council entered an agreement which will expand the university's WiMax network throughout Negaunee.

"I think it certainly helps make Negaunee a good choice for students and faculty to reside in, as they can get wireless internet service at no direct cost to them," said Negaunee City Manager Gerald Peterson. "This will allow students to participate more readily and cost effectively in their education."

Peterson said about 300 NMU students, faculty and staff living in Negaunee using their university-issued laptops will benefit from Internet with no direct cost.

"It allows students and faculty here to make the choice to live and work in Negaunee and do so with all the services they would get at the university," he said.

Peterson said the university is waiting on the city of Negaunee to finish drawing up the contract. The network's online date is projected for the end of February pending network testing and tuning.

Eric Smith, director of broadcast and audio/visual services at NMU, said the WiMax equipment will be placed on the Negaunee water tower which is centrally located in the city. He also said the university is saving money by not having to build a tower with an elevation as high as the water tower's.

"We'll be covering a 360-degree pat-

tern off of the water tower and that's going to allow us to serve the target population out in the Negaunee area," Smith said.

Smith said that the city of Negaunee is not only allowing free use of their location and tower, but they have also provided space at the water tower's base for other important equipment for the network.

"They're going to be covering the electricity, we provide the equipment, and then we share the use of WiMax," Smith said.

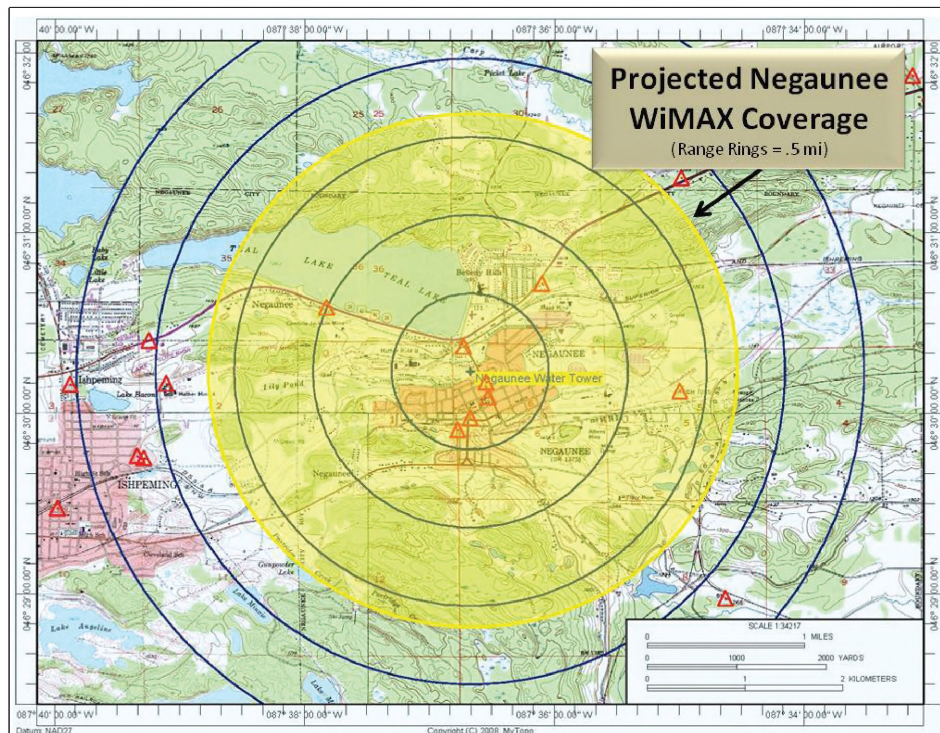
David Maki, chief technology officer at NMU, said the equipment could be up and running in as soon as a week. He also said the university has made steps to ensure that the only long-term costs are maintenance fees.

"When we built this network out, we built it out so that there's no backhaul cost. There's a one-time radio cost, but there's no monthly charge to carry the traffic," he said.

Maki said the exact cost of the WiMax equipment could not be divulged because of a non-disclosure agreement between Northern and Motorola, Inc. Maki said, however, that there was a substantial educational discount for the equipment.

"A dormitory has around 300 people, and in Negaunee there are around 300 people [we serve]. But it was cheaper to [provide] the whole city of Negaunee than it is to [provide] one dorm on campus with Wi-Fi," he said.

The next area to receive WiMax will be a two-mile radius around the NMU



Map provided by Eric Smith

The agreement between NMU and the Negaunee City Council will allow approximately 300 university faculty, students and staff to have access to the WiMax network. Maps like this help NMU staff assess how to best expand WiMax coverage.

golf course in Chocoma, which is where Northern will be constructing a communication tower of its own, Maki said.

"The golf course [tower] is going to cover part of Harvey, but not all of it, you have to figure about a two-mile radius. From there, we'll probably go south towards Gwinn, K.I. [Sawyer]," he said.

The tower, which Maki said should

be completed by the end of April, will cost about \$50,000 to construct. He said the university was looking for options to supplement the cost of the tower when the decision for construction was made.

"When we build a tower like that, we actually rent space on the tower, and that helps defer the cost of the tower bill," he said.

### The process begins:

## Student organizations prepare for referendum

By Cameron Witbeck

news editor

The Referendum Committee will begin meeting this week with student organization leaders to discuss questions and financial changes that will be on the referendum ballot along with the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) elections, which students will vote on in early April.

The committee meetings will begin on Thursday, Jan. 28 and are expected to continue every week until just before spring break. During the meetings, the Referendum Com-

mittee, which is composed of NMU students, will hear from student organizations on both budgetary presentations and proposals for questions to gauge student interest in projects.

Andrew Foster, senior accounting and finance major, chair of the Student Finance Committee (SFC) and member

of the Referendum Committee, said that the referendum offers students a voice in how the Student Activity Fee, which they pay each semester, is used.

"We want to give the students an official election process with these issues. With this particular referendum, we are looking to



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—Chris Greer  
Dean of Students

ask students pointed questions that will help the Board of Trustees implement changes if they want," Foster said.

Every two years, students are given the opportunity during the referendum to vote on funding changes for Earmarked Fund Groups (EFGs). The four EFGs are The North Wind, Radio X,

ASNMU and the SFC. EFGs automatically receive a portion of the funds derived from the Student Activity Fee, which is currently \$31.13 per student per semester.

During the meetings, the Referendum Committee will hear proposals from the EFGs currently up for referendum, such as the North Wind and Radio X, and help the student organizations solidify their financial increase requests. The Referendum Committee will also pay careful attention to the budgets submitted by the organizations to ensure that there are

no unnecessary costs for NMU students, said Foster.

"If a budget shows up that asks for students to pay for pizza-night at the North Wind, that would be strongly discouraged," he said. "We want to make sure that everything on the budget benefits the students because it is unfair to ask them to pay for

anything else."

Foster also said that how the student activity fee is used is one of the few costs on campus that students have control over.

"This is your chance to directly participate in a democracy. This is where you can actually change things. If you think something should happen on campus, this is your avenue to make that happen," he said. "When tuition goes up, you don't have a say. [But] every cent for the student activity fee, the students have a say in it."

Chris Greer, NMU's Dean of Students, has been the advisor for the Referendum Committee since 2006. Greer said that some questions on the ballot, which are unrelated to EFGs, have been instrumental in measuring student interest in programs like the Teaching, Learning and Communication laptop initiative. Student organizations can propose questions to the Referendum Committee at the meetings, but the committee controls what appears on the ballot, Greer said.

"[They] are not binding, it's

more of just asking for the opinion of the student body ... but you don't see many of those; they're few and far between," she said.

Greer said that in the past, the Student Activity Fee has increased substantially from requests for increased funding.

"We went from \$20 to \$30 in one fell swoop, but times were better," Greer said. "Times are tight ... that's why the Referendum Committee works so hard to make sure that they aren't putting anything extra on the ballot, just what the EFGs need to survive."

Erin Astle, a sophomore entrepreneurship major and the general manager of Radio X, is working on a proposal for when Radio X goes before the Referendum Committee in early February.

Astle said that Radio X is expecting to ask students for a funding increase of between \$45,000 and \$60,000. They are asking for the increase to pay for a new transmitter. The increase will ei-

## BRIEFS

### International resume Skill Builder!

The Center for Student Enrichment will be sponsoring "Put the World on Your Resume," a Skill Builder! workshop on Feb. 3, for students interested in applying their international experiences and foreign language studies to their future job hunts. Miriam Moeller, program specialist of the International Program Office, said that students will learn how to use their international experiences and any foreign language courses to their advantage in an increasingly competitive job market. Moeller said that these are things a lot of students don't think about or don't know how to include on their resumes and in job interviews. "I just want to reinforce the point that this can be the one thing that stands out amongst hundreds of applications," Moeller said. In addition to showing students where they should place international experiences on their resumes and when and how to bring them up in a job interview, Moeller said that she will also stress the importance of conducting research prior to applying for any job. The workshop will highlight what to look for in deciding whether international experiences would be relevant to a potential employer or their company's needs and goals. The Skill Builder! is free to students and will run from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, in the Back Room of the University Center.

— Melissa Seelye

### Seminar addresses studying abroad

There will be a general seminar on Feb. 2, about the study abroad programs at NMU for all students interested or required to study abroad. Attending students will have the opportunity to learn everything they'll need to know about getting started in an abroad program, as well as see what kind of benefits studying abroad can offer. "Students that come to these meetings are interested in studying in other places around the world. So my job is to address what NMU can do for them to get them studying abroad," said Miriam Moeller, a programs specialist at the International Programs Office. The seminar will cover the different programs offered, the requirements to study abroad, how to prepare for traveling and eliminate any misconceptions about the study abroad program. "Some people think you can't graduate on time studying abroad, which isn't true. The grades and credits you receive abroad go to your major or minor at NMU, and you don't have to speak a foreign language to study abroad," Moeller said. A particular highlight in this seminar is a new program offered in South Korea. This program focuses on bringing students to the country to teach elementary school children English. Students that participate are paid for their work and receive free air fare as well as room and board. It is also possible to take classes that will count toward a student's major or minor. The session will be in 141 Whitman Hall at 3:30 p.m.

— Amanda Fluegel

### Scholar speaks on Kennecott Mine

Religious scholar Audrey West will be presenting a lecture on faith, ethics and the environment at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 1 in the Brule Room in the University Center. West will be applying the Bible to contemporary environmental issues and specifically addressing the controversy surrounding the Kennecott Mine. "A lot of times [people] look at the Bible and think, that's so ancient, what does that have to do with contemporary affairs? And she's bridging that gap," said Gisele Duehring, ministry associate for the Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU. The Anishinabe tribe considers a part of the Kennecott area called Eagle Rock sacred, but according to a recent decision by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), state law only recognizes buildings as places of worship. Several other groups have also opposed the mine, citing environmental concerns over the use of sulfide mining. The planned mine was recently allowed a permit by the DEQ. West will be taking a unique view of the situation, applying the biblical perspective to the issue. "She's going to be addressing how the life of faith informs the complex challenges facing us in the environmental crisis, with specific insights into the proposed Kennecott mine," said Jon Magnuson, the pastor for Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU and adjunct professor for the Native American Studies department. The event is free and open to the public.

—Alex Belz

### Good food for a good cause



Paul Goodrich/NW

NMU students work the Chez Nous stand at the annual Culinary Journey event on Jan. 24 at the U.P. Children's Museum. Area restaurants volunteered at the event, which was a fund-raiser for the museum.

## Job fair workshop held for students

Career Services will host a workshop, entitled "How to be Successful at a Job Fair," to help students be more prepared at job fairs this Feb. 2 - 3.

Steve LaFond, the assistant director for Career Services, said that the event is held annually.

"We started doing these workshops a couple years ago to help students be more effective and more prepared," he said. "Researching a job fair prior to attending it is an important step for students."

Students should have an idea of the employers attending, and

what positions they are looking for. According to LaFond, only about half of the employers are looking for permanent employees.

"Job fairs are not just for students about to graduate. For those looking for a summer job and internships, more than half of the jobs offered there are for these," he said.

Because representatives at job fairs often have the power to hire, it is important to make a good impression, said LaFond.

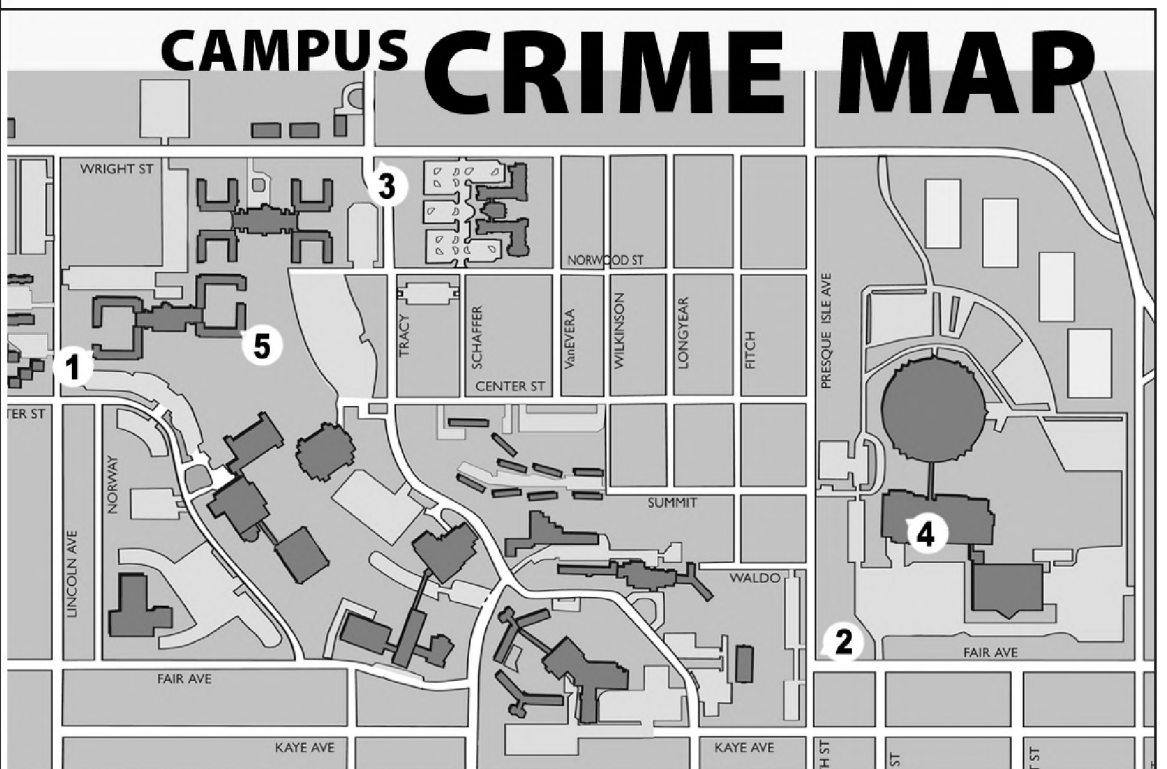
The event will include a presentation on what to take to job fairs, questions to ask, and

what to leave behind with the employers. The workshop will begin at 6 p.m. in 2303 C.B. Hedgecock.

The workshops will be open to all students. For more information, contact Career Services at [careers@nmu.edu](mailto:careers@nmu.edu).

Information about upcoming job fairs, including a list of attending employers and their Web site, can be found under the events tab at [www.nmu.edu/CareerServices](http://www.nmu.edu/CareerServices).

— Terry Reilly



1. A sex offense occurred at 10 p.m. on Jan. 15 in Spalding Hall. The case is still under investigation.
2. A driver suspected of drinking was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:24 a.m. on Jan. 23 at the corner of Presque Isle Avenue and Fair Avenue.
3. A student was given an MIP and charged for littering at 1:45 a.m. on Jan. 24 at Wright Street and Sugarloaf Road.
4. A wallet was taken from a locker room at the PEIF between 6 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on Jan. 24. The case was closed by arrest.
5. A simple assault occurred at 11:37 p.m. on Jan. 24 in Payne Hall. The victim was a student, but the suspect was a non-student. The case is still open.

# McNair grant program seeks applicants

By Ben Hocking  
staff writer

Following the approval of federal funding at NMU, the McNair Scholarship Office is currently searching for interested applicants to fill the 25 appropriated openings.

The McNair Scholarship Office, which received \$880,000 in federal funding in the fall semester of 2009, has found it difficult to recruit students. Carl Wozniak, the director of the McNair scholarship program at NMU, said that because the program is new and many students don't know much about the McNair scholarship and what it has to offer, it has been difficult to find applicants.

"The most difficult job that we have is always getting the participants because until there is a history and until it's a known quantity, it is a little harder to get the word out," Wozniak said. "The best way to get the word out is through other students, until those students are participating in the program and are getting ben-

efit from it, they can't really tell other people about it."

Another one of the reasons that the program is finding it difficult to find acceptable enrollees is that the scholarship is only awarded to students who meet certain federal guidelines. The two major prerequisites for the scholarship is neither parent having a four year college degree and the student has to be considered "low income" by the federal government. Special exceptions can be made for students with ethnic backgrounds that aren't traditionally represented in graduate schools.

"These [underrepresented] people are generally Native American, African-American, Hispanic, or Pacific Islander," Wozniak said.

The McNair grant allows for up to one-third of students to qualify based on these certain ethnic backgrounds.

To help find these eligible students, posters have been placed around campus advertising the McNair scholarship. Wozniak

said he hopes that faculty will alert the students in their classes who might meet the requirements for the scholarship without being aware of it.

"Certainly if you're a faculty member and you have a student who you think would be a good candidate, let us know," he said.

Wozniak said that students shouldn't be deterred from the program based on their major.

"There is a long laundry-list of acceptable programs that cover pretty much any four year program that is here at NMU," Wozniak said "There are very few [majors] that would not be allowable."

Upon being accepted into the McNair program, a student will be paired up with a faculty member to conduct original research as an undergraduate.

"We also ask [the student] to do a research paper and do a public presentation on that research and hopefully get [that research] published in their senior year," Wozniak said.

In addition to the research as-

pect of the scholarship, the McNair program can provide several other benefits to students looking to achieve a master's or doctorate degree.

"Right now, we are preparing different workshops such as graduate requisite exam [GRE] prep courses, how to write admissions essays [to graduate school], and hopefully take some field trips to different regional universities throughout Michigan and Wisconsin," said McNair Scholarship Program Coordinator, Megan DelBello.

To fund these different expenditures, each student accepted into the program is given a \$2,800 stipend to cover costs associated with the scholarship.

"We pick up costs for things such as posters and other presentation materials and travel expenses to other universities for presentations and training [such as GRE preparation]," DelBello said.

Junior marketing major, TJ Weber, said that he received an e-mail last semester notifying him

that he was an ideal candidate for the program. He then met with DelBello and Wozniak to learn more about what the scholarship had to offer. He said that he feels the McNair program educates students about graduate school who aren't necessarily surrounded by people with master's and doctorate degrees.

"The McNair gives students help with a lot of things they didn't know about before," Weber said. "It gives you an edge up on other people that are going to be in grad school [with you], it can even the playing field for people who come from small towns or don't have much experience."

Weber encourages other students who are interested in the program to take the time out to inquire about this potentially beneficial program.

"If you have a midterm next week, it's hard to be thinking about what you are going to be doing eight or nine years in the future," he said. "The program has benefited lots of people [at other universities]."

## Students teach community children

By Delaney Lovett  
staff writer

NMU students will have a chance to work with children from the community and create educational and hands-on lesson plans for events held this semester.

Students majoring in elementary education with an emphasis in science can work together at the Winter Weekend College for Kids where they will get experience teaching children from kindergarten to middle school in a real classroom setting.

Subjects for the two upcoming sessions on Jan. 30 and March 20 include the properties of wood, paper, landforms, sound, vibration, separating mixtures and reaching saturation. Lesson plans are generated around these topics.

"They do all of the teaching," said Greg Coverdale, assistant professor of education. "My students sign up to teach subjects they're interested in. They then create a series of lesson plans to teach the kids on Saturday morning."

Groups of two or three Northern students team together and are provided a kit of materials to base their plans and activities on. Each of them is responsible for creating and teaching a professor-approved portion of the three hour long College for Kids, Coverdale said.

"It all starts with getting experience in the group. When they're teaching elementary, they meet with other teachers regularly and put their heads together. It's just another teaching experience for my students," Coverdale said.

Along with giving first-hand experience to NMU students,

College for Kids gives children from the community a unique approach to learning about the world around them with numerous activities.

"All of the lessons are inquiry based; they're hands-on. Sometimes we take the kids outdoors, depending on the topic," Coverdale said.

Susan Nazarko, coordinator of conferences and precollege programs at Northern, said that active learning is an important part of science.

"We're all about hands-on. Children learn better when they can physically do science than have a teacher lecture and tell them about science," Nazarko said.

Children might not remember every activity they do, but when they're in class learning a new concept, it might spark a memory of NMU and the Seaborg Center, according to Nazarko. This spark can also remind kids of the positive experience they had at Northern.

"I believe that whenever we can get [children] of any age in our university, in our classrooms doing activities, I see it as recruitment."

Not only do the children attending the Winter Weekend College for Kids enjoy the experience, the students teaching it find it rewarding.

"When [the NMU students] are getting ready to leave, I always ask if they enjoyed themselves. I want them to enjoy the experience as much as the children do," Nazarko said.

Jill Leonard, a professor of biology, said that she supports College for Kids. Her eight-year-old son, Ethan, has been attending the sessions, both in the



Photo provided by Susan Nazarko

Ethan Leonard, the son of NMU professor Jill Leonard, takes apart an egg to find out why the shell is so strong. Children from the community, like Leonard, are able to learn and have fun at NMU's College for Kids.

summer and during the fall and winter semesters, since he was five years old and intends to return.

"He loves science. When he was younger he really liked the building stuff," Leonard said. "He loved turtles and toads, that was his favorite."

As both a scientist and a parent, Leonard appreciates what College for Kids teaches her son

and how it's run.

"I know the [students] working for them are well trained, and I like that about it. I also like that it teaches kids to be excited about science," she said.

Those interested in attending College for Kids should call 906-227-2002 to sign up. Each session is from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Seaborg Center and costs \$5.

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# Speaker addresses health issues

By Alex Belz  
assistant news editor

Students, faculty and community members seeking to improve their health knowledge will get the chance to learn from a medical scholar Thursday, Jan. 28.

Barbara Luke is a medical doctor and scholar from Michigan State University who has published articles for nearly 40 years on topics such as multiple births, maternal nutrition and employment during pregnancy. Her lecture, "Women, Obesity and the Therapeutic Effects of Diet," will take place in Reynolds Recital Hall, on Jan. 28 at 7:30 p.m., and is part of the "Your Health" lecture series.

"This presentation discusses how factors affect women's health across their lifespan, how factors from your past and present affect your future health, with a special emphasis on obesity and diet," Luke said.

According to the American Obesity Association, 62 percent of women ages 20 to 74 are overweight, and 34 percent are obese. A study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) shows that the percentage of obese adults has been steadily increasing over the previous four decades. The same study shows that between 1991 and 2000, the percentage of obese adults increased from 21 to 26 percent for men and from 26 to 34 percent in women.

"I think there are several main contributors; long hours sitting at computers ... more meals away from home and their increasing caloric and fat contents and less physical activity as part of our daily lives, [including] cutbacks in physical education in schools, less walking and bike-riding," Luke said.

While Luke's presentation focuses on women's health at all ages, she said that college-aged women are at a very important stage of their lives in terms of gaining knowledge about their health.

"The lifestyle habits [college women] develop during these years can have an effect, positive and negative, on their health years ahead," Luke said.

Luke said factors like genetic heritage, prenatal exposures, and lifelong dietary and physical activity habits affect our current and future health.

"While some factors are beyond our control — such as genetics and birth weight — there are others than we can control, and which can reduce inflammation and improve our health," Luke said.

Obesity results in excess fat storage within the body which can stimulate inflammation, a leading factor in the development of chronic heart disease and diabetes.

"Three important factors can increase inflammation: a diet with a high glycemic load, a high waist-

to-hip ratio, and a high body mass index," Luke said.

Many of these issues and more will be discussed in Luke's presentation Thursday. The lecture will focus on understanding why and how health problems develop, and how people can improve their current and future health.

The presentation is part of the "Your Health" lecture series, which is a collaboration between NMU, Michigan State University's College of Human Medicine, the Upper Peninsula Health Education Corporation and Marquette General Hospital.

Dave Lucas, the NMU contact for the collaboration, as well as the pre-med program adviser and head of the physics department, said the collaboration has been valuable.

"We're all in this together. It's a very nice relationship I think. It's a real benefit for our community and for our students," Lucas said.

The next two lectures, given by MSU professors Gretchen Birbeck on March 11 and Nigel Paneth on April 15, will cover health issues that may interest students, faculty and community members. The exact topics of the lectures have not yet been determined.

"We want these public lectures to be really accessible, something people would be interested in listening to and something that the presenters can put at a level that the people can understand reasonably well," Lucas said. "We really

welcome students to come to the lecture."

Luke will also give a presentation at 12 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 29 at the Marquette General Hospital. The presentation will be more technical than general, and many health professionals are expected to attend.

## Obesity Statistics

- Between 1999 and 2004, there was a significant increase in the prevalence of overweight among girls (13.8 percent in 1999 to 16.0 percent in 2004). There was no change in obesity among women (33.4 percent in 1999 to 33.2 percent in 2004).
- The prevalence of overweight and obesity among adults 20–74 years of age increased from 47 percent in 1976–80 to 65 percent in 1999–2002.
- During 1999–2002, the prevalence of overweight or obesity was 85.2 percent, and the prevalence of obesity was 54.8 percent.
- Data from the 1999–2002 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey show that more adult women are obese (33 percent) than men (28 percent.)

Information from the CDC

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ther be over the next two years or over an indefinite period. If approved for the next two years, it will be an increase of \$1.50 to \$1.80 per student per semester. Over an indefinite period it will be an increase of \$0.40 to \$0.60 per student per semester.

Astle said that she, like many students, did not understand how the referendum process worked.

"I didn't know anything about the referendum until two weeks ago. I didn't know how the process worked or the promotion aspect of convincing the general population that your referendum request is a good idea," she said.

It is important for NMU students to learn what the groups are asking for and how it will affect the students, said Astle.

"It is definitely most important that students vote ... one vote can make a difference. This is [the students'] money that is going to be spent, whether or not they know how it is going to be used is up to them," Astle said. "Students should make the effort to understand where their money is going and to see if they agree with what the groups are asking for."

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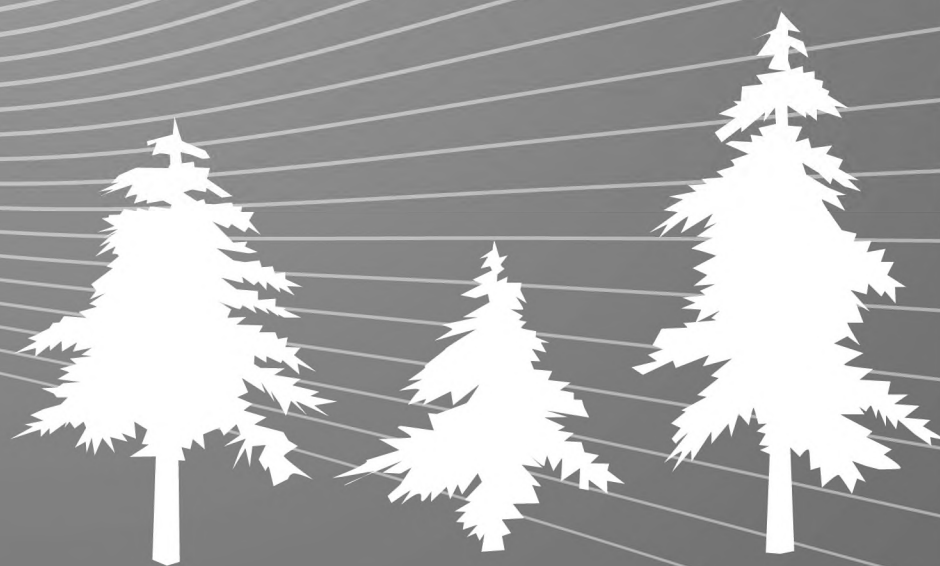
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## Staff Editorial

# Let the debate continue

For the first time in the history of the United States, the talk on health care reform has expanded beyond strong-willed liberals to a legitimate, bi-partisan conversation across the nation on an issue that affects all Americans.

On Tuesday, Jan. 19, the citizens of Massachusetts elected Scott Brown, a Republican, as their senator to replace Edward Kennedy, a Democrat, after his death. Since then, worry has generated about whether this will reduce the talk over health care reform, since a Senate filibuster is now a possibility for Republicans.

Though Obama intended for health care reform to be a joint effort, it inevitably has turned into a partisan battle full of party politics and little progress. Before the recent Massachusetts election, the Senate had a 60-40 majority that allowed Democrats a great advantage when passing this legislation, but Brown's election makes reform difficult.

Despite the challenge, it is important that the discussion on health care reform not stay in 2009 and continue throughout the next year and beyond. This is a momentous time in America's history. Change is possible with hard work and since the discussion has never gotten this far, it would be a great loss to end it now. Senators and representatives alike need to continue to work for the general welfare of their constituents by, at the very least, considering a compromise on this bill. Of course, a lack of a Senate majority will make such an effort difficult, but the importance of accessible health care for all cannot be ignored.

All Americans benefit from health care reform, especially college students. After all, according to a 2008 survey by the Commonwealth Fund, the number of uninsured young adults, aged 19 to 29, continues to increase. It rose from 13.3 million in 2005 to 13.7 million in 2006 and remains the fastest growing group of uninsured Americans. Also, 34 percent of college student spend time uninsured right after graduation.

Those hoping for health care reform should not be discouraged by a Senate which is no longer filibuster-proof, but perhaps encouraged that this change will make health care more acceptable across party lines, as long as our representatives are willing to continue the conversation. It is their duty to address the concerns of their constituents, and as so many Americans are clearly affected by a lack or the expense of health care, the health care conversation is crucial.

President Obama considers reform an imperative aspect of his presidency, and as he said in the Wednesday, Jan. 27 State of the Union, "I will not walk away from these Americans. And neither should the people in this chamber."

## The North Wind

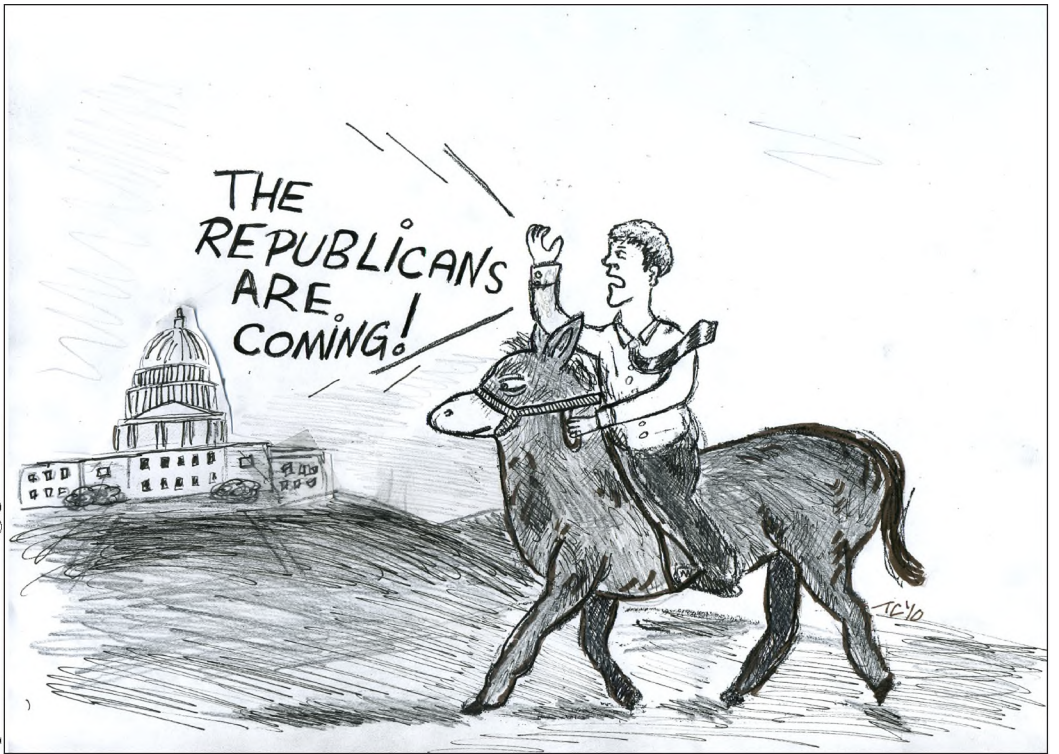
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## Letters to the Editor

### The other side of CCW

In the Jan. 21 issue of the North Wind, Alex Belz wrote about concealed weapons on college campuses. This article made me angry because of the ignorance of the people that are against being able to carry a concealed weapon on campus. What people do not think about or realize is that shootings are committed by criminals; not law abiding citizens. If someone decides they want to go in a school and shoot people, they are not looking into the laws to see if it is legal. They will not obtain a concealed pistol license so they can carry their weapons hidden. Many people say that it is dangerous to allow people to conceal carry. Why?

To obtain a CCW, you must take a class, pass a shooting test, and apply to the state to receive it. Background checks are also done during this process. People get their CCW permit in order to protect their life, and the lives of those around them. The shooter at Virginia Tech did not possess a CCW, and he was mentally ill. If there would have been a CCW carrier present that day at Virginia Tech, that day could have possibly turned out much differently, and far less tragic. CCW carriers know how to shoot their firearm. They would not trust their life to it without being proficient in shooting. In order to pass the CCW class, one must pass a shooting test to prove their proficiency. And even beyond that, the likelihood of a deadly shooting is very slim. If someone was threatening safety, there would likely be no need for shots to be fired. In most cases just the surprise of a victim pulling out a firearm is enough to stop the shooter.

If your life was put on the line in a classroom, I think that just about any person would be praying for someone to protect them. That would be a possibility if CCW was allowed. Think of it

in that respect before you make your decision.

Keep in mind, guns do not kill people, people kill people. Killers are not law-abiding citizens. Laws do not stop them. People who carry do so to protect their lives and the lives of those around them.

Marquette is certainly not a dangerous place, but you can never predict when a crisis may happen, so I'd rather always be prepared. If this law passes, I will carry my firearm on campus. You may not agree with it, but that opinion might just change if your life is threatened and I am there to it.

Please just consider my thoughts, and educate yourself before making your decision to be against concealed carrying on campus.

Scott Brill

### ASNMU should not advocate for or against CCW

I see no reason members of ASNMU ought to be allowed to communicate their private thoughts on what is "hazardous" to the entire student body. Members might respond with something like, "But it's our job to keep students informed": this is nonsense. Such a claim only reflects the arrogance of ASNMU in attempting to make decisions for others concerning issues about which members obviously know nothing. This is little more than the liberal posturing and politically correct piety, typical of ASNMU and other liberal-oriented campus groups. The recent email message reflects a biased and (again, I will write it) liberal perspective that many students do not share. If one takes the most recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on gun rights as any indicator, policy at the national level

seems, indeed, to be turning away from the frenetic anti-gun prohibitionism of previous decades toward a more balanced (and some would say Constitutional) view of the issue. This message is perhaps a bit brash—but I think it is necessary for me to be as honest as I can: the e-mail to which I am responding hit me as hard as I can only imagine this will hit the board members responsible for the message. I was offended and disgusted with what I read. Not to mention, made fairly anxious. After all, if it is indeed appropriate for ASNMU to endorse or decry certain "relevant" pieces of legislation, what is next? Endorsing or opposing political candidates? I close with this: members of ASNMU ought to consider confining the expression of private political opinions to other venues (i.e., Facebook and so on) in the future.

Matthew Walther

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# Where in the world is 'habeas corpus'?



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

On his second day in office, President Obama signed an executive order to close the prison camp in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, much to the delight of civil liberties advocates. More than a year and a missed deadline later, it seems that the order was much easier to sign than to execute.

Guantanamo Bay, commonly referred to as Gitmo, has been operated by the Joint Task Force Guantanamo of the United States since 2002. According to the Obama task force charged with finding a solution to the facility's controversy, the camp currently holds 196 detainees. Many prisoners, referred to by the Bush administration as enemy combatants, have been held without due process.

Guantanamo Bay has been a controversial issue since it was found to be a "human rights scandal" by Amnesty International and inhumane by the International Committee on the Red Cross.

In June of 2009, the U.S Supreme Court declared the facility unconstitutional and illegal.

Public opinion also dictates that the facility be shut down. In a poll conducted by the Washington Post in Jan. of 2009, when participants were asked if they thought the prisoner facility at Guantanamo should be shut down within a year, 53 percent favored the facility to be closed.

But Gitmo hasn't only proven to be unconstitutional and inhumane, it's also proven ineffective. According to CBS news, the attempted terrorist attack on a plane heading to Detroit on Christmas Day was planned by terrorists who had been imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay. And, on Sunday Jan. 24, al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden took credit for this attempted terrorist attack on American soil.

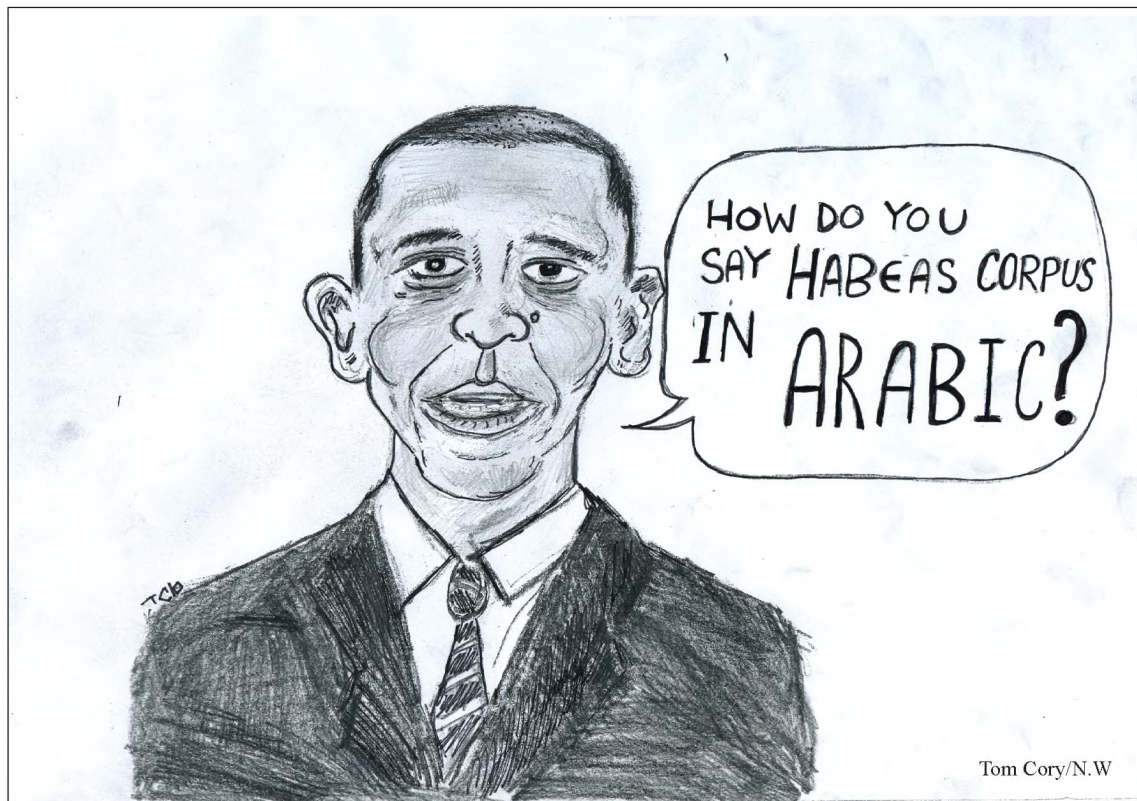
While President Obama's aides told the New York Times on Wednesday that he will accept responsibility for the missteps that his administration has caused, it's clear that the failure to close Guantanamo Bay and relocate or release prisoners is not the President's fault entirely. In fact, according to a May 20 As-

sociated Press article, the U.S Senate passed an addition to a bill six votes shy of unanimous that prevents any funds from being allocated for the transfer or release of any Gitmo detainees.

It's true that our founding fathers established our government with three branches so that there

could be checks and balances, but when it comes to closing the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, it seems that Congress has done nothing more than act as a breaking mechanism for progress. Clearly, the people of this country want Gitmo closed, President Obama wants Gitmo closed, hu-

man rights and civil liberties groups want Gitmo closed and the Supreme Court decided it should be closed due to its unconstitutionality. It's time for Congress to put aside party politics and embrace the change that President Obama has been preaching for over a year.



Tom Cory/N.W

# Charging for online news is only logical



**Staff Column**  
Trevor Pellerite

The New York Times recently announced that it will soon charge readers for access to their online, archived content. This decision is long overdue. The newspaper industry is losing money and readers to their web sites. After all, why pay for a morning hard copy of the publication when one can read the articles online for free?

Originally, newspapers hoped that advertising revenue on web

sites would be enough to make free content a viable option, but obviously this is not the case.

According to a recent Harris poll, when asked, 72 percent of responders reported reading a newspaper at least once a week, while 43 percent claimed they read a newspaper almost every day. This begs the question of exactly what those people will do when they no longer have access to free online articles.

The Times is not the first paper to make this decision, but their solution is somewhat unique: allow readers to view a set number of articles every month without charge, then make them pay a flat rate fee to read additional pieces.

But, according to a recent Harris poll, it appears that readers are less than happy about this decision. An overwhelming 77 percent of those polled reported that they would not be willing to pay anything for access to online content. Of the 23 percent who said they would pay, most (19 percent of those polled) were only willing to pay between \$1 and \$10.

Charging for online content is a logical move for the newspaper industry, and the outrage expressed by reader bases around the country is ridiculous. News writing does not spontaneously appear by itself every morning. Whether found online or in print, articles must be written by jour-

nalists who require salaries and compensation, and that money needs to come from readers. If people are asked to pay for a subscription to a newspaper, it stands to reason that they would not be offered the same product for free online.

Some readers disregard their necessity, saying that advertising accounts for the largest portion of a paper's income in print. While this is true, when reader bases drop off, advertising agencies will take their business elsewhere to more effectively reach the masses.

Another reason people are unwilling to pay for online content is the ease of accessing free news from other places. Cable news sta-

tions offer free coverage of news on their web sites, thus providing a convenient (and cheap) alternative to newspapers; at least, until cable news channels find themselves in the same position as the print industry. How long until too many people drop their cable subscriptions in favor of the free online equivalent?

We all have to get comfortable with the idea of paying for online content regardless of media format or source. If we want to be aware of what is happening around us, whether through television coverage or newsprint, online or not, we will need to pay someone to provide it for us just like any other service.

## Sound Off

*How do you feel about newspaper charging readers for online news?*

Compiled by Yin Tang



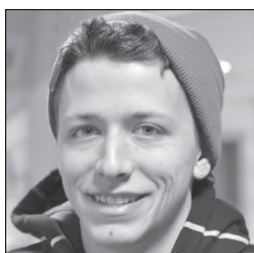
**Amy VanRemortel**  
Senior  
Psychology

*"I think people shouldn't have to pay for the news; it's stupid on their behalf."*



**Megan Manier**  
Junior  
English Education

*"I can always get my news somewhere else. I would not pay for it."*



**Evan Sheperd**  
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**Josh Gray**  
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**Stacy Sibley**  
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*"People will find ways around it."*

# Learning to understand nutrition labels



## Chew On This

Robin Rahoi

The Jan. 21 issue of the North Wind highlighted the beginning of a food labeling program initiated through NMU Dining Services. Binders in the Wildcat Den and the Marketplace contain food labels for bread, cereal, salad dressing, soup, condiments and beverages. This effort will expand to include prepared and processed foods served in the facilities.

Dining Services' goal is to educate students on nutritional facts by presenting the information in food label form. Nutritional facts give students information about portion size and calories, as well as information about the ingredients and common allergens. Being able to understand nutrition facts is a tool that can be used to increase personal health. A guide will be provided.

1. Start Here – This part of the

label states serving size and portions per container.

2. Check Calories – Food gives us energy, and we measure it in calories. Here you can find out how many calories and fat calories are in the serving that you will eat.

3. Limit these Nutrients – Americans tend to overeat in general. Diets high in the nutrients found here can increase the risk of chronic disease.

4. Get Enough of these Nutrients – Get the most from your food. Look for foods that are good sources of fiber, calcium, iron and vitamins A and C; you can find these foods in the produce, bean, grain and dairy sections.

5. Five percent and less are considered “low” while 20 percent or more is considered “high” in the specific nutrient.

To learn more about nutrition, and how you can be a healthier person, visit these Web sites:

Daily menu planner: <http://hp2010.nhlbihin.net/menuplanner/menu.cgi>

Nutrition information: <http://www.eatright.org>

As you learn to read nutrition facts, remember that health is a continuum and includes nutritional well being as well as other healthy behaviors such as getting enough rest, not smoking, keeping alcohol consumption within moderate levels, reducing stress and striving for a mental balance. It is also important that physical activity be a part of your daily routine.

If you are wondering what really is in a chicken nugget, take a look at the food label and formulate some conclusions.

Remember that some of the healthiest foods are those that don't come with a label, so try to keep food simple.

*Editor's Note: Robin Rahoi is the Registered Dietician for Northern Michigan University's Dining Services. If you have questions, concerns or suggestions, E-mail Robin Rahoi at [rarahoi@nmu.edu](mailto:rarahoi@nmu.edu).*

Sample label for Macaroni & Cheese

| Nutrition Facts               |                       |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Serving Size 1 cup (228g)     |                       |
| Servings Per Container 2      |                       |
| Amount Per Serving            |                       |
| <b>Calories</b> 250           | Calories from Fat 110 |
| % Daily Value*                |                       |
| <b>Total Fat</b> 12g          | 18%                   |
| Saturated Fat 3g              | 15%                   |
| Trans Fat 3g                  |                       |
| <b>Cholesterol</b> 30mg       | 10%                   |
| <b>Sodium</b> 470mg           | 20%                   |
| <b>Total Carbohydrate</b> 31g | 10%                   |
| Dietary Fiber 0g              | 0%                    |
| Sugars 5g                     |                       |
| <b>Protein</b> 5g             |                       |
| Vitamin A                     | 4%                    |
| Vitamin C                     | 2%                    |
| Calcium                       | 20%                   |
| Iron                          | 4%                    |

1 Start Here →

2 Check Calories

3 Limit these Nutrients

4 Get Enough of these Nutrients

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## Students with children learn to manage



photo courtesy of Brittany Dalecke

**By Lucy Hough**  
editor in chief

6 a.m., Brittany Dalecke wakes up to ready her son, Solomon, for daycare.

7:30 a.m., she goes to the gym.

9 a.m., she's in class for five hours.

2 p.m., she gives herself three hours to do homework in the LRC.

5 p.m., she picks her son up from daycare and spends less than three hours with him before she puts him to bed.

8 p.m., she does two more hours of homework.

10 p.m., she goes to sleep.

On weekends, she works at L'Attitude to make extra money.

According to Dalecke, a senior English writing major and Spanish minor, having a strict schedule is crucial to survive having a child and going to school at the same time. She says that there is so much to do, with her husband currently living in Georgia with the Army, she has to give herself some structure in order to balance everything.

"You have to be focused and have to have a mission and goals," Dalecke said.

Dalecke schedules going to the gym into her day as time for herself.

"It's hard, that's why I work out every day, so my head doesn't explode," Dalecke said.

Inevitably, she said, she feels guilty about not giving her eight-month-old son more attention, always having to think about work and school in addition to him.

"You want to give him atten-

tion, but you want to get good grades so you can get a good job to support him," Dalecke said.

Dalecke came to college with hopes of becoming a journalist in Africa, but since the birth of her son, her focus has shifted to simply graduating in May, making it possible for her to obtain a career to support her son.

"Not going to school wasn't an option; I had to focus on making my life better so I could make his life better," Dalecke said.

Alden Griffus, a full-time post-baccalaureate student, is studying hospitality management and has three boys: Otho, 5; Les, 3; and Harlow, 2 months old. She agreed that attending school while having children changes the dynamic of the college experience.

"It means so much more when you're in college and you have kids, because it's so much more serious ... because you're doing it for more than yourself," Griffus said.

Griffus, a Community Advisor (CA) for the Lincoln Townhouses, said that the experience is ultimately rewarding, being able to experience college with your children so that they can understand that college is an attainable and important opportunity, like it is for their parents.

According to Griffus, one of the most beneficial aspects to having children and going to school is the community that emerges of people in similar situations. As a CA, Griffus has made a genuine effort to encourage this community, planning activities that the children can enjoy, like decorating cookies and tie-dying shirts.

Also, every October, NMU President Les Wong's wife, Phyllis, does activities with students' children, allowing them to pick pumpkins from her garden and serving refreshments. Griffus said this is one of many examples of how the university is cooperative with students who also have to consider their children.

"People think that once you have kids your life is over, but that's a total misconception," Griffus said, saying that having kids while going to college at Northern is attainable, more so than at other colleges she has attended.

Troy Ramirez, a junior studying surgical technology, has a 4-year-old son and is also involved in on-campus activities for children. Ramirez said that for a number of years he was putting off going to college, but once his son was born, he felt that he should get started with school before his son did.

Living so close to campus has had many advantages for Ramirez, who enjoys taking his son around campus to feel a part of the community.

"I try to expose him to a lot, we have a long history of family connected with Northern, and it's been really nice taking him to the theater and walking around with him," Ramirez said.

In order to achieve everything that he wants, Ramirez said that he just tries to live each day at a time.

"It is really tough; I just kind of take one day at a time and utilize resources that I have," Ramirez said. "Without them, it would be impossible to manage, and I'm very grateful."



photo courtesy of Troy Ramirez

Top left: Brittany Dalecke holds Solomon, her 8-month-old son.

Top right: Troy Ramirez visits the Hayes cornfield maze with his four-year-old son, A.J.

Bottom: Alden Griffus takes care of her newborn son, Harlow, while trying to study in the LRC. Griffus also has two other sons at home.

photo courtesy of Alden Griffus





## Swimming

Unless you're a member of the Polar Bear Club, it's not recommended that you go swimming during any of the harsh winter months. However, once June comes around, or August for those who don't want to completely freeze, a dip in the lake during the moon-lit hours can be a relaxing and therapeutic way to spend a hot summer night. If swimming during the night creeps you out, there's always the beach to lie back on and count the endless span of stars or look for constellations. It's also a good place to have a romantic midnight picnic.



## Sugarloaf

Nearly all students know there's no shortage of mountains available to climb in the Marquette area. The climb itself isn't that difficult, but doing this during the nighttime might make for a formidable challenge. The hike is around half a mile long with two different tracks of varying difficulty. Novices may want to choose the track that is equipped with stairs.



## Karaoke

For those who love to throw a few drinks in them and get up on stage and make a fool of themselves, Flanigan's Bar is the place to go. It's a unique U.P. experience that is truly a place where people meet. Karaoke is held Tuesday through Saturday from around 9:30 p.m. until 2 a.m.



## Movie Night

Films of all sorts are available to see on campus. Gonzo cinema presents movies that have a different edge to them every Thursday. Tonight Gonzo will present "The Yes Men Fix the World," which will be playing at 9 p.m. in JXJ 102. Campus Cinema shows new Hollywood films that can still be seen in second-run theaters. "Zombieland" will be playing this Saturday, Jan. 30 and Sunday, Jan. 31 at 9 p.m. with a 6 p.m. showing on Sunday, as well. Students can also make a night of catching a movie at the local cinema.

## Abandoned Orphanage

A few years ago the abandoned orphanage still contained enough busted doors and windows to be able to climb in somewhere. Unfortunately, it's recently been boarded up and illegal trespassing adventures into the orphanage have been shut down. Still, the very sight of it is enough to inspire ghost stories for years to come. Students will be hard-pressed to find another location to visit in the wee hours of the morning that can spook and scare the way the orphanage can, although the likelihood of it actually being haunted is highly suspect.

## Food

With the plethora of fast food restaurants up and down Washington, finding somewhere to eat isn't a difficult task. But when it's late at night and some places are closed for the night your choices become somewhat limited. Fortunately, McDonald's is open for all your dietary needs 24 hours a day. If the desire to cook your own food strikes you, Wal-Mart's doors are also open all day and night.



# Divine inspiration not found in 'Legion'



Film: Legion

Director: Scott Charles Stewart

Producer: Michael Litvak,  
David Lancaster

Writers: Peter Schink,  
Scott Charles Stewart

Starring: Paul Bettany,  
Lucas Black

Runtime: 104 minutes

Rating: R



By Brett Hilbrandt  
staff writer

Trailers for films have drastically changed over the past 10 years. Growing up, every trailer I saw consisted of a man with an intense voice telling the viewers the protagonist's problems, and then he would almost growl the film's title. Now most modern trailers are more or less short films with powerful editing, and it proves to be much more effective; the "Legion" trailer is a perfect example. I was curious how the film would be after viewing the decent trailer, but within 20 minutes of being in the theater I can safely say I

would have rather just watched the trailer.

The archangel Michael has dropped down to earth and removed his wings in order to break his ties with God, because God has given up on the human race. Michael then goes to the desert to save Charlie, a pregnant teen waitress in a middle of nowhere diner. Angels begin to destroy the world, and for some reason the diner is in the middle of some plagues. Idiotic restaurant owner Bob (Quaid) and his horribly named son Jeep (Black) help protect the unborn child, along with some random customers. They fight angels to stay alive, as they find out the baby is the only thing that will keep the future of mankind alive.

The entire cast of this movie

did a horrific job. Paul Bettany was boring because he acted like a wooden board. Black ("Friday Night Lights") was easily the worst actor in this film. Every scene he did was overacted and just plain awful. Dennis Quaid is horrible in "Legion," but I think he is a terrible actor. It is just an opinion, but this movie is a great example. I had to hide my head in my coat to prevent myself from laughing every time Quaid and Black had a conversation. Tyrese Gibson ("Transformers") should not be an actor, and his idiotic character made him look awful. The leading lady Adrienne Palicki mainly does voices for cartoons like "Robot Chicken," a good career move to stick with instead of movies.

The score in this movie was just on par with all of the other horrible aspects of this film. There was never any suspense because the horrible screaming choir is the perfect example of taking the easy way out. The cinematography in this film gets my vote for worst of the year. Every camera angle made me shake my head in disbelief. The action scenes were horrible, and the angel fight scenes were uneventful. The special effects were not bad, but that just makes me wonder what idiot gave this film money.

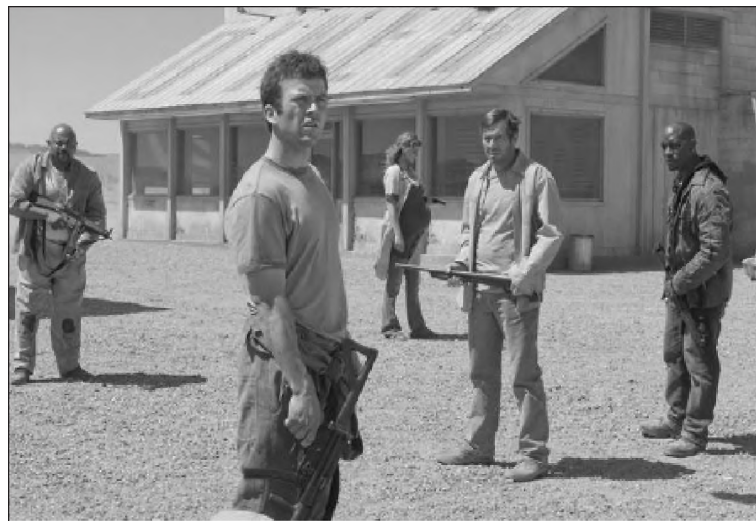
Director Scott Stewart should not be allowed to make films.

Everything about this movie was plain awful. The fact angels used an upside down cross makes no sense since it's a satanic symbol, but that's nothing compared to a newborn baby easily surviving a car accident at 110 mph while it was in the front seat. I hope I never have to watch one of his films again.

The plot of this movie was absolutely insulting. It was nothing more than a horrible action version of the film "Dogma." Most of the story was unexplained and filled with plot holes, but using guns that never run out of bullets is just uncalled for. The rest of the movie was boring, and there were only about fifteen minutes of ac-

tion scenes. When you finally get to the action scenes it doesn't matter because they were unexciting. The only scene worthwhile was a possessed grandma with a foul mouth, but I saw that in the movies trailer.

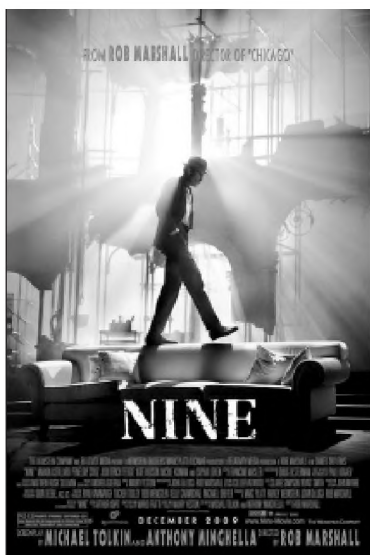
"Legion" is one of the worst films I have ever seen. It stands as a perfect example of what not to do when making a movie. I do not have anything good to say about this film, and I will go out of my way to never watch it again. If you enjoy watching paint dry while someone yells bible verses at you then this movie is for you, but if you have any idea of what makes a film good then avoid this at all cost.



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Members of a group taking refuge in a run-down diner see if there are any more vengeful angels in the skies waiting to judge them.

# 'Nine' fails to live up to source material



Film: Nine

Director: Rob Marshall

Producer: Rob Marshall,  
John DeLuca

Writer: Michael Tolkin,  
Anthony Minghella

Starring: Daniel Day-Lewis,  
Marion Cotillard

Runtime: 118 minutes

Rating: PG-13



By Scott Viau  
features editor

Early buzz over Rob Marshall's film adaptation of "Nine," a Tony award winning Broadway musical, hailed the film as being one of the true Oscar contenders of 2009. With the success Marshall encountered with "Chicago," it seemed that this early prediction would prove to be true. Unfortunately, the end result does not match the film's premature praise.

Guido Contini (Day-Lewis) is a filmmaker with a lot of stuff on

his mind. His last film was a flop, and he is having difficulty juggling his relationships. Between the demands of his producers, his wife (Cotillard), the star of his films (Nicole Kidman) and his mistress (Penelope Cruz), Guido

is having trouble developing the script for his latest film and managing the madness around him. Whenever Day-Lewis graces the screen of a cinema, you know you're going to be receiving an amazing and unpredictable performance. Both his charisma and frustration at the filmmaking process is infectious. His three leading ladies, Kidman, Cotillard and Cruz, all give very sexy and energetic performances and all

prove they're more than capable and confident enough to sing and dance their way through an adaptation of a Broadway musical.

It's hard to imagine a film based off Fellini's classic "8 1/2" would be so underwhelming, but it is. The energy and fun Marshall was able to infuse into "Chicago" seemed to be a guarantee that "Nine" would contain that same style and in the musical numbers you can see it start to peek out, but that's about as far as it goes. Instead of taking the route of setting the song and dance numbers in a world where people randomly break out in song actually happens, Marshall did the same thing here as he did with "Chicago," which was simply place these scenes in the heads of the singer and act them out as if they're just fantasy. Alas, it doesn't work here.

The main problem with "Nine" may be that the songs just aren't that catchy. They're somber tomes about Guido's problems with his own life and the memories he has from his childhood. In fact, there's only one musical number here that really stands out, which is probably no coincidence since its inspiration comes directly from a scene from "8 1/2." Instead of Eddra Gale as Saraghina (who looks remarkably like Divine

from John Waters' early films) we have Fergie playing the character from Guido's childhood. The song "Be Italian," which was featured prominently in the film's trailer, is the best thing "Nine" has to offer.

While "Nine" is able to offer up good cinematography and amazing sets and costumes, the film as a whole remains to be quite boring. While watching "Nine" I just couldn't get invested in the plights of the characters. I didn't really care about the marital problems he has with his wife or the loneliness his mistress feels.

The pacing of the film is lon-

ger than necessary and because of this, whenever a song begins to play you'll more than likely groan and shift in your seat, hoping that it'll be done shortly and not drag on.

There's a disappoint that comes when the credits of "Nine" finally roll. You'll find yourself sitting in the darkened theater wondering what exactly went wrong. The cast was perfect, the story seemed brilliant and the source material was even better. Yet "Nine" is a failure. It should've been a brilliant musical, but it just doesn't hold up to Fellini's masterful original.



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Guido (Day-Lewis) sits with his costume designer (Dench) as she reminds him that directing is nothing more than a series of yes or no questions.

# 'Moon' not just another sci-fi clone



Film: Moon  
 Director: Duncan Jones  
 Producer: Stuart Fenegan, Trudie Styler  
 Writer: Duncan Jones  
 Starring: Sam Rockwell, Kevin Spacey  
 Runtime: 97 minutes  
 Rating: R



By Scott Viau  
 features editor

For the longest time, science-fiction has been frowned upon by filmgoers. With the recent success of films like "Star Trek," audiences are finally ready to give sci-fi a chance to prove its legitimacy. Establishing that films set in space can be about more than flying ships and odd-looking creatures, "Moon" gives new credibility to the field.

There's a new energy supply that can save the world and is abundant supply. It's called fusion energy, and it's found on the

far side of the moon. Astronaut Sam Bell (Rockwell) is currently in space, harvesting this material on a three-year work stint. With two weeks left to go before he is scheduled to return home, there is an accident near one of the harvesters. When Bell goes out there to see what happened, he discovers a man unconscious in a crashed lunar vehicle. Aside from the fact that there's another man on the moon, he also happens to look just like Sam, both of which are eerily unsettling to him. With the help of his computer aide, Gerty (Spacey), Sam must figure out where this man came from and why he bears such an uncanny resemblance to him.

It takes a lot of talent to be able

to carry an entire film nearly all by yourself. Luckily, Rockwell is an incredible and versatile actor who can easily take the reins of a film and still keep viewers interested. His portrayal as a man with the bare minimum of human contact over three years is as spot-on as I would imagine it to be. This is illustrated in part by the "Kick me" sign Sam has placed on the back of Gerty. It shows you a man so desperate for human contact that he has begun to play games with a piece of artificial intelligence. His ability to slip between iterations of himself is also done very well. Rockwell definitely deserves more award recognition than he is receiving. Spacey lends his voice to the computer Gerty, who is a complete homage to Hal in Kubrick's "2001: A Space Odyssey." His voice is calm, collected and eerie. Anyone who's seen "2001" will be expecting Gerty's dark side to emerge at any point throughout the film. Spacey undoubtedly gives one of the best voice-over performances of the year.

Based on a story by director Duncan Jones, the screenplay is airtight and is able to keep suspense building throughout the entire film. What strikes me as the most interesting is that the film's big "twist" comes about thirty minutes into the story. From then

on, it becomes more of a story of survival and almost a tale of morality. What really comes across here is the Bell's complete sense of isolation and desperation. He's been away from his home planet for so long. If he goes outside the station he can see it. It looks so close, yet it is completely out of reach.

With the outstanding sets, it's amazing that "Moon" was made on a budget of only \$5 million. Everything in the film makes it look like its budget would be more in the \$50 million range. Director Duncan Jones, who some might know as being the son of David Bowie, must be

given a large amount of praise for his ability to construct such a realistic looking world on such a limited budget.

The special features of the DVD are not exactly jam packed, but it does contain a nice variety. Included is a commentary by director Duncan Jones and various other crew members, along with two featurettes titled "The Making of Moon" and "Creating the Visual Effects," among others.

"Moon" shows that you don't need a blockbuster budget to make an effective and moving sci-fi film. Even if you're not a fan of the genre, "Moon" will give you a ride that's worth it.



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With a lot of downtime during his three-year work stint, Sam Bell (Rockwell) stands around looking at the various electronic equipment.

# 'Vampire' takes a bite out of greatness



Album: Contra  
 Artist: Vampire Weekend  
 Label: XL Recordings  
 Tracks: 10  
 Release: Jan. 12, 2010



By Sarah O'Neill  
 staff writer

On their 2008 self-titled debut album, Vampire Weekend was about as stereotypically indie-rock as you can get. The breakout song, "The Kids Don't Stand a Chance," is reminiscent of a tropically infused Death Cab song sung by Paul Simon, who lead singer Ezra Koenig eerily sounds like throughout the album. It seemed

they were trying too hard. After receiving intense objections to the album, the next natural idea would be to tone it down a notch or two, right? Wrong.

Their latest album, "Contra," makes it clear that their first album wasn't the result of trying too hard, but rather holding back. There's something admirable about bringing long dead instruments back to life with ease. When a band can work classics like the marimbas, the xylophone and the flute in with synthesizers and sequencers, one can't help but be impressed.

Koenig lets go of his fancy, pop-like vocals and goes au natural, which sounds so classically beautiful and dynamic it's refreshing. The album is basically a musical kick in the face, a much more poetic way of saying, "How do you like us now?"

The first track is titled "Horchata," named after a traditional Mexican beverage. The reference may seem odd and obscure, but the music has a light sort of Mariachi band sound that brings you straight to the shores of the Spanish beaches. With the lyrics, "Here comes a feeling you thought you'd forgotten/ Chairs to sit and sidewalks to walk on" repeating, it is one of those feel-good songs you can't help but love. This sense of cheerful, breezy and carefree repeats often throughout the album. The song "Holiday" takes it to a new level musically, bringing in a strong electric guitar riff among the light plinking of the keyboard.

Among the lighthearted tracks

on the album are some that are mellower. These are the ones that display the band's actual musical talents versus their knack at arrangement. On the slower "Taxi Cab," percussionist Chris Thomson offers a steady, deep drum beat while Rostam Batmanglij's makes the keyboard sound like a Grand piano. These tracks also display Weekend's newfound pensive lyrics. In "Taxi Cab," Koenig sings "Unsentimental, driving around / Sure of myself, sure of it now / you stand this close to me, like the future was supposed to be." Although more linguistically impressive than the past album, Koenig's lyrics still reflect the life of an overprivileged momma's boy, stating: "I pretended I was horrified by the uniform and gloves outside the courtyard gate."

The album's most single-worthy song would be "Giving up the Gun." The track sounds much more polished and radio worthy than the others, but lacks the

imagination that makes the rest of the album so impressive. The penultimate song, "Diplomat's Son" samples an M.I.A. track and hardcore reggae feel, while the last song, "I Think Ur a Contra," proves that the band isn't all bells, whistles and bright colors. The orchestral power anthem shows there is also some actual musical soul in the band.

If there is one complaint to be had about "Contra," it would be the sometimes overused electronics. Songs like "White Sky" start to sound more like a level in "Super Mario Bros." than an actual song. For the most part, however, Weekend produces a perfect combination of natural and processed sounds. It's musical genius, really, not quite one genre in particular, but a combination of many thrown together. Those who hated the first album might not be adding this to the top of their list, but even they can't help but marvel at the imagination of it all.



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# Women Wildcats win two on road trip

By John Becker  
staff writer

The NMU women's basketball team earned two GLIAC North Division victories last weekend, which solidified their third place standing and put them three games above fourth place Lake Superior State University (LSSU). The team will finish out January with two more North Division games on the road before coming home Feb. 4.

The Wildcats (12-5 overall, 9-3 GLIAC) were victorious against the LSSU Lakers on Jan. 21, 64-56. Junior Steffani Stoeger led the team with 16 points, followed by senior guard Christa Erickson with 12. Junior Erin Powers had 10 of the team's 41 rebounds, followed by sophomore Hillary Bowling and senior center Angie Leckson with six. Leckson also had two blocks.

NMU head coach Troy Mattson said the 'Cats played with a refined defense which led to the victory.

"We held them to the low 20s basically in the first half. With a minute to go in the game, they only had 44 points, so defensively we were extremely strong," Mattson said.

On Jan. 23, the 'Cats battled Saginaw Valley State University into overtime. The game was close throughout the overtime period, but the 'Cats gained the lead with about a minute left and held on until the end. Saginaw desper-

ately tossed a half-court 3-point shot at the overtime buzzer but failed to connect, producing a hard fought victory for Northern, 69-67. Stoeger and Erickson again led the team with 20 and 17 points, respectively. Elicia Derusha earned the team-high seven rebounds, followed by Powers with six and junior guard Kellie Rietveld with six defensive boards.

Mattson said that once again defense reigned supreme over the game's outcome.

"In the Saginaw Valley game, we put ourselves in a tough situation and we were able to bail ourselves out by playing good defense in the last few minutes of the half and during overtime to hold on to a very close win," he said.

Senior forward Mariah Dunham was cleared to play for the Saginaw Valley game after an injury and played 13 minutes, scoring eight points in that time. Mattson said her scoring abilities are an asset to the team, but that her health is the team's foremost concern.

"She probably won't be healed for the rest of the year, but she is capable of playing a few minutes each half when needed," Mattson said. "We just need to monitor her and make sure that her health continues to improve and doesn't go in the opposite direction."

The Wildcats will be on the road Jan. 28 to take on the Ferris State University Bulldogs (5-12 overall, 4-8 GLIAC).

Mattson said that stats and records can make a team look good

or bad but that those are false perceptions and the Wildcats won't underestimate their opponents.

"Saginaw Valley was supposed to be the last place team in our league, and they took us to overtime. So that tells you how good this league is. You have to be on top of your game every single night, and Ferris State is no different," he said.

On Jan. 30, the 'Cats will take on Grand Valley State (14-3, 11-1 GLIAC). The only conference loss GVSU has is to the Chargers of Hillsdale College, a team Northern has defeated this season.

The 'Cats only have 10 games left in the regular season, six of which are home games. Mattson said the team's long term goal is to get into the GLIAC Tournament, which would require the team to be in the top eight at the end of the regular season. Last season, the team was the eighth seed.

"There's no guarantee that we're in until someone puts a little asterisk by our name and tells us we're in the conference tournament, that's our goal," he said.

Mattson also said that ideally another team would defeat Michigan Tech during the regular season and give the Wildcats a shot at the highest seed.

Senior center Angie Leckson said the team would be honored to host a first round game.

"Every year we've had a good team but we just weren't able to make it over that hump, but being near the top of the conference, we

have a chance of hosting a home tournament game," Leckson said.

But, like Mattson, Leckson said that for now, the team has to take it slow and not get too far ahead of themselves.

"All conference games, every one is the same. No matter if you're playing the top team or the lowest team, each conference

game is a big game, we take them one at a time," she said.

Leckson said that all in all, she just wants the team to progress to its full potential.

"We're doing well. We have great players on this team, great leaders, and I just try to put my all in and get this team where it deserves to be," she said.



Yin Tang/NW

Junior guard Steffani Stoeger throws up a shot against Hillsdale. Stoeger is averaging 11 points an outing and has led NMU in scoring the last five games.

# Track team hosts Northern Challenge

By Michael Levy  
contributing writer

Last Saturday, Jan. 23, the Northern Michigan University women's track and field team hosted their lone home meet of the season, the Northern Challenge.

Although no team scores were kept, NMU head coach Tom Barnes was pleased with the overall performance of his team last Saturday.

"Everyone did a very nice job. I have never seen our team put up the times they did this early in the season, and we can only get better," he said.

This was the final home meet for the four seniors Karin Diebold, Maegan Hendershot, Erin VanEnkevort and Krista Squiers.

"I was really happy with how our seniors performed in their last home meet," said Barnes. "They have been great leaders to our young team we have this season."

One senior that stuck out was Diebold in the pole vault, who vaulted 3.05 meters. Diebold

was happy to come out on top at her final home meet.

"It was a very exciting way to go out and get a win under my belt," said Diebold. She said that she hopes to vault 11 feet (3.35 meters) this year, a goal that she has been working towards since her sophomore year.

"I have put a lot of hard work into getting that mark, and I feel I can achieve that goal," she said.

The Wildcats were clicking on all cylinders throughout the day, and the sprinters turned in especially dominant performances.

Junior Brittnee Balbierz took home the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.53 seconds. Freshman Alyssa Erspamer clocked in at fourth with a time of 7.78 seconds.

Sophomore Catherine Angeli won the 200-meter dash with a time of 26.59 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash, freshman Rebecca Rotter finished third with a time of 1:02.07, while sophomore Rachel Wil-

liams clocked in right behind her for a fourth place finish with a time of 1:03.08.

The 55-meter hurdles saw the 'Cats go one-two with sophomore Melissa Christensen crossing the finish line first with a time of 8.84. Her teammate sophomore Bailey Franklin second in 8.87 seconds.

In the one-mile race, junior

**Everyone did a nice job, I have never seen our team put up the times they did this early in the season, and we can only get better.**

— Tom Barnes  
NMU women's track head coach

Kristen Schulz (5:31.67) and redshirt freshman Nora Kiilunen (5:33.07) took home the top two places.

The 3,000-meter race featured nine distance runners from NMU. Olivia Juntala won the event going away with a time of 11:13.30 while teammate Rita Waitas finished second at 11:28.50.

The 4x200-meter relay of Erspamer, Balbierz, freshman Colby West and Angeli won the event

with a time of 1:48.73.

NMU had two relays place in the 4x400 with Balbierz, VanEnkevort, Angeli and Hendershot running a 4:07.32. NMU's other relay in the event ran a 4:14.76 (comprised of freshman Brooke Granquist, Rotter, West and Williams).

Franklin dominated the field events, winning the long jump with a leap of 5.18 meters while fellow Wildcat Christensen took third with a jump of 5.03 meters.

Franklin also won the triple jump with a distance of 10.90 meters, and placed second in the high jump with a height of 1.63 meters.

Mariah Beaman and Squiers put together great performances in the throwing events. Beaman took third in the shot put with a throw of 10.71 meters. In the weight throw event, Squiers once again showed her dominance by winning the event with a toss of 16.93 meters.

Squiers had a smile on her face following her performance

on senior day and said she enjoyed every moment of it.

"It's always great having a meet at home; we don't have to make a seven-hour trip, and our friends can come watch us compete," she said.

Squiers said she has high expectations for herself and the team this season.

"Our team goal is we want to place higher in the GLIAC this year," said Squiers. "We are always getting better, and always want to be moving forward."

Squiers also hopes to achieve a mark of 18 meters (NCAA automatic qualifier) or better in the weight throw, and Barnes thinks she definitely has the work ethic and attitude to make that mark.

"Krista trains really hard, and she is very mature. She is just a couple feet from making that mark," Barnes said.

Squiers and company will have this weekend off before making a trip to Stevens Point, Wisconsin next weekend, Feb. 5 and 6, for the Pointer Invitational.

For photos from the Northern Challenge, turn to page 20.

# Hockey 'Cats swept out of Omaha

By Trevor Pellerite

sports editor

The NMU hockey team came home empty handed this weekend from their series against the University of Nebraska-Omaha. The Wildcats (10-10-6 overall, 6-8-4-1 Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) play) fell to the Mavericks (12-11-5 overall, 8-10-2-1 CCHA) in both games by scores of 7-2 and 5-3.

"In general on the weekend, really disappointing results, and I thought Friday was just a disappointing performance," said head coach Walt Kyle.

The game on Friday, Jan. 22 began evenly, as the teams were tied at two goals a piece through the first 30 minutes of play. Things went downhill quickly from there, however, as the Mavericks tallied three goals in a span of less than 90 seconds. It was enough to chase senior Wildcat goaltender Brian Stewart from the crease and seal NMU's fate.

"Friday night, my evaluation of it was that we were very content to go up and down and get in a race horse game with them instead of playing a good defensive game, and that's not us," Kyle said. "That's not what we can do effectively."

Saturday's game was much closer, as the Mavericks didn't get their final lead until less than three minutes remained in the game. The Wildcats were down 3-1 at one point, yet managed to pull themselves back into the game, riding two goals from sophomore Andrew Cherniwchan to tie things up. Cherniwchan also contributed a goal on Friday, bringing his season total to six.

"Saturday was a much more stable game and a much more

typical game for us," Kyle said. "We tied the game in the third and actually had the momentum. Had we played two games like that and lost both of them, I would have been a lot more pleased."

One factor hampering the Wildcats lately has been injuries affecting their senior leadership. Seniors Matt Butcher and Billy Smith have been out for several weeks; Butcher is recovering from knee surgery and Billy Smith is out indefinitely with an arm injury.

To further the problem, senior forward Phil Fox suffered an upper body injury in a collision on Friday and will be sidelined indefinitely.

"They're all kind of size and strength guys, and we need them if we're going to be effective in the style of play that we have," Kyle said.

Although he has faith in his reserve players, he said the team is still struggling to find the best way to compensate for the losses.

"We're just trying to get these other guys in positions where they'll be effective," he said.

There were several positives to be taken out of the series, however. Saturday's game marked the second weekend in a row the Wildcats have battled back to tie a game after facing two-goal deficits. Kyle believes his team's tenacity is a big asset.

"In my opinion, our team has very good character and very good resiliency like that. That's the good news. The bad news is that we spend way too much time waiting for stuff to happen," said Kyle. "We have to be more willing to initiate the tempo and the starts of games; we have to be

more willing to take charge right from the drop of the puck."

Another highlight was the play of Cherniwchan, who doubled his season goal total at Omaha.

"[One] thing is we've really struggled to find someone that can provide offense for Mark [Olver] on the wing, and now we put [Cherniwchan] there on Saturday night and he gets two goals. The hope is that he can continue to do that. If he can ever fill that spot and provide offense, that would be a huge boost to us."

Olver had an assist on Cherniwchan's second Saturday goal, and Cherniwchan was quick to credit his success to his linemate's play.

"He's real easy to play with, just give him the puck and pretty much go to the net," he said.

The 'Cats return home this weekend for their second series of the year against Alaska-Fairbanks.

The Nanooks (10-8-6 overall, 7-8-5-4 CCHA) and Wildcats battled to a pair of ties and NMU shootout losses in Fairbanks last November.

"We have an idea of the style of play they have, they're a very good defensive team, they have a lot of small quick forwards up front, they buzz on the forecheck. You always face numbers back when you attack, and you've got to be aware of that," Kyle said.

"There's not a huge difference between them and Omaha, what they do," said Kyle, who also noted that as always, the 'Cats need to win to pull themselves into a good position to enter postseason play. "These are all big games. These are critical games for us."

Cherniwchan expects the weekend to emphasize fundamentals and sound hockey execution.

"It'll be a battle of who plays better defense and who plays better on the special teams," he said.

The games, to be played on Friday, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 30, will begin at 7:35 p.m. in the Berry Events Center. Tickets are available at EZ-Ticket outlets.



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Kyle Follmer fires a shot past a University of Nebraska Omaha player during one of the games in Marquette last November. This past weekend, Follmer contributed two assists, one on each night.

## Cat Chat's NCAA Midwest Regional Basketball Power Rankings Week 2

(School name, season record, changes from last poll)

Men

|     |                       |      |    |
|-----|-----------------------|------|----|
| 1.  | *Southern Indiana     | 17-0 | +1 |
| 2.  | Kentucky Wesleyan     | 19-3 | +1 |
| 3.  | Quincy                | 16-2 | -2 |
| 4.  | Drury                 | 15-3 | NC |
| 5.  | Findlay               | 14-3 | NC |
| 6.  | Grand Valley          | 14-3 | NC |
| 7.  | Bellarmino            | 13-6 | NC |
| 8.  | Saginaw Valley        | 12-5 | +1 |
| 9.  | Rockhurst             | 13-7 | +1 |
| 10. | Lewis                 | 12-7 | -2 |
| 11. | Lake Superior State   | 11-6 | +2 |
| 12. | St. Joseph's          | 11-7 | +2 |
| 13. | Ferris State          | 10-7 | +4 |
| 14. | Indianapolis          | 10-9 | -3 |
| 15. | Missouri-St. Louis    | 10-9 | -3 |
| 16. | Northern Kentucky     | 10-9 | NC |
| 17. | Wayne State           | 8-8  | -2 |
| 18. | *Illinois-Springfield | 8-8  | +1 |
| 19. | Ashland               | 8-9  | -1 |
| 20. | Northwood             | 7-9  | +1 |
| 21. | Northern Michigan     | 7-9  | -1 |
| 22. | UW-Parkside           | 8-12 | NC |
| 23. | Hillsdale             | 5-11 | +2 |
| 24. | Missouri S&T          | 6-13 | +2 |
| 25. | Lake Erie College     | 6-14 | -1 |
| 26. | Michigan Tech         | 4-13 | -3 |
| 27. | *Maryville            | 2-17 | NC |
| 28. | Tiffin                | 1-16 | NC |

Women

|     |                       |      |    |
|-----|-----------------------|------|----|
| 1.  | Indianapolis          | 19-0 | NC |
| 2.  | Michigan Tech         | 16-1 | NC |
| 3.  | Wisconsin-Parkside    | 17-3 | +1 |
| 4.  | Southern Indiana      | 15-4 | -1 |
| 5.  | Drury                 | 16-4 | +1 |
| 6.  | Northern Michigan     | 12-5 | +1 |
| 7.  | Grand Valley          | 14-3 | +2 |
| 8.  | Findlay               | 13-4 | -3 |
| 9.  | Lake Erie             | 14-8 | +3 |
| 10. | Northern Kentucky     | 13-6 | +4 |
| 11. | Quincy                | 13-5 | -3 |
| 12. | Lewis                 | 10-9 | -1 |
| 13. | Bellarmino            | 11-8 | -3 |
| 14. | Ashland               | 10-7 | +4 |
| 15. | Hillsdale             | 7-9  | NC |
| 16. | Lake Superior State   | 9-7  | -3 |
| 17. | Kentucky Wesleyan     | 10-9 | -3 |
| 18. | Missouri S&T          | 10-9 | -1 |
| 19. | Missouri-St. Louis    | 9-10 | +3 |
| 20. | Northwood             | 8-8  | -1 |
| 21. | Wayne State           | 4-13 | +3 |
| 22. | Saginaw Valley        | 4-13 | +5 |
| 23. | Rockhurst             | 6-12 | -1 |
| 24. | Ferris State          | 5-12 | -3 |
| 25. | *Maryville            | 5-13 | -5 |
| 26. | Tiffin                | 5-12 | -2 |
| 27. | St. Joseph            | 5-14 | -2 |
| 28. | *Illinois Springfield | 2-16 | NC |

\*teams ineligible for postseason

## NMU SPORTS SCHEDULE

| Jan. 29-31 | FRIDAY                                     | SATURDAY  | SUNDAY                             |
|------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
|            | ALASKA<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Berry Events Center | ALASKA<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Berry Events Center          |                                    |
|            |  | GRAND VALLEY STATE<br>3:00 p.m.<br>Allendale, Mich. |                                    |
|            |  | GRAND VALLEY STATE<br>1:00 p.m.<br>Allendale, Mich. |                                    |
|            |  | CENTRAL SUPER TOUR<br>Cable, Wisc.                  | CENTRAL SUPER TOUR<br>Cable, Wisc. |
|            |  | GRAND VALLEY STATE<br>1:00 p.m.<br>Allendale, Mich. |                                    |
|            | NO COMPETITIONS                            |   |                                    |

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# Men's hoops looks to get back on track

By Drew Kochanny  
assistant sports editor

The NMU men's basketball team let two more victories slip from their grasp, falling to 7-9 overall on the year with a 4-8 record in the GLIAC North division. After a four game win streak heading out of the winter break, NMU has now dropped its last five games.

This past weekend's losses at Lake Superior State (11-6, 9-3 GLIAC) Thursday in a 59-56 bout, and then Saturday at Saginaw Valley State (12-5, 9-3) in a close 83-87 game, were the start of a four-game road stretch. Head coach Dean Ellis doesn't want players to think of the losses as a streak, but instead move onto the next week with the same competitive mentality as before.

"We've played great the last two games," Ellis said. "We played some tough teams on the road, and you just have to keep playing hard."

The Wildcats shot 57.9 percent from the floor against Lake State, a particularly high percentage for a team on the losing end of the matchup. The Wildcats, up 67-66 with 5:33 remaining in the game gave up an 11 to 1 run to the Lakers who then took the lead 77-68. NMU chipped away at the lead, making it an 83-81 game after senior forward Sebastian Salois hit a 3-pointer with 12 seconds remaining. Lake State would seal the deal, however, after a series of free throws.

Senior guard Marc Renelique led the Wildcats in scoring on

the night with 21, while sophomore guard Raymont McElroy added 20 points. Sophomore center Jared Benson brought in 13 points and five rebounds on the evening.

Saturday at Saginaw, a one time 11 point lead was cut to three with 5:42 left in a 50-47 game. With 2:06 left in the contest the score was knotted at 52-52 all, but a seven to four run by the Cardinals ended the contest with a 59-56 score.

McElroy ended the game with 22 points along with three assists while Renelique contributed 12 points on the night. Freshman forward Mylan Murphy led the Wildcats in rebounds with nine.

Both games came as tough losses to the Wildcats who let up two late game leads in the final minutes of play.

"We have to mix up what we're doing. We become redundant in what we do," Renelique said, referring to the teams play late in games. "We need to stick to what we do best."

What the Wildcats have been doing best this season is actually shooting. NMU ranks second overall in the GLIAC in field goal percentage shooting at a mark of .457.

McElroy ranks sixth in the conference in scoring average at 17.6 points a game. The return of Renelique to full health after an early season hamstring injury is sure to help the team late in the year. Renelique brings a 13.3 point average in 14 games this season.

This weekend NMU looks to

end the road stretch with wins against Ferris State (10-7, 8-4 GLIAC) Thursday and Grand Valley State (14-3, 10-2) Saturday.

Grand Valley sits at No. 1 overall in the GLIAC North division with the Bulldogs No. 4.

With only conference games remaining on the schedule, GLIAC matches become vital games to the season with the first meetings of these two being no different.

NMU can't let the losses of the past five games plague them the rest of the year like that of a seven game skid in the same point of last season.

"You have to move on to the next week," Ellis said. "If we were on a six game winning streak I don't think I'd be talking about that either. You just have to move on."

Grand Valley and Ferris State are riding a streak of their own, with GVSU on a 10-game win streak and Ferris on a four-game win streak.

With plenty of games left, the Wildcats know there is time left to turn things around on the season.

"There are still 10 games left," Renelique said. "We can't have five game losing streaks. It's not good for the chemistry of the team or the morale. We just have to keep working hard."

Game time against Ferris State is set for 8 p.m. Thursday in Big Rapids, Mich.

Saturday's game against Grand Valley begins at 3 p.m. in Allendale, Mich.



Yin Tang/NW

Sophomore guard Raymont McElroy attempts an acrobatic shot against Hillsdale. McElroy has led NMU in scoring in nine games this season.

## USOEC Fall 2009 All-Academic Team

Thirty-one United States Olympic Education Center athletes earned a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the fall 2009 semester, creating the All-Academic Team.

Weightlifters named to the team include Northern Michigan University freshmen Chris Lenahan (Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.) and Max Cretcher (Rochester Hills, Mich.); sophomores Sara Cowles (Daytona Beach, Fla.), Robin Feuerman (Alamonte Springs, Fla.) and Allie Henry (River Falls, Wis.); junior Steve Jarvis (Niagra, Wis.); and graduate students Breanne Carlson (Peshtigo, Wis.) and Colin Ito (Vista, Calif.). Ito was also named Athlete of the Semester. The weightlifting team also had the highest combined GPA.

Head weightlifting coach Andy Tysz has high expectations for his athletes. "I want high performance, not only physically, but mentally," he says. "It's my job as a coach to develop athletes, but also make sure they develop as people."

Speedskaters on the All-Academic Team are NMU freshman Barry Winslow (Midland Mich.); sophomores Kristen Biondo (Broadview Heights, Ohio), Dan Fiorenza (Wausau, Wis.) and Kelsey Schiel (Midland, Mich.); juniors Kyle Carr (Atlanta, Ga.) and Tamara Frederick (Park Ridge, Ill.); and seniors Cherise Wilkins (Syracuse, N.Y.) and Levi Kirkpatrick (Hills, Iowa). Kirkpatrick also received the honor of Athlete of the Semester.

Women freestyle wrestlers earning a 3.0 or higher GPA include NMU freshmen Cassandra Schmidt (Missoula, Mont.) and Carlene Sluberski (Fredonia, N.Y.); sophomore Emily Martin (Frisco, Texas); junior Laura Conway (Traverse City, Mich.); and senior Mary Kelly (Mahomet, Ill.)

Representing the Greco-Roman wrestling team are NMU freshman Josh Castellano (Wood Dale, Ill.); sophomores Aaron Briggs (Tuscon, Ariz.), Alex Fleming (Sterling, Va.) and Corey Hope (Carol Stream, Ill.); junior Paul Tellgren (Anoka, Minn.); seniors Andy Bisek (Chaska, Minn.), Spenser Mango (St. Louis, Mo.) and Mark Stenberg (Silverton, Ore.); and graduate student Nate Engel (St. Helena, Calif.)

NMU sophomore (Kansas City, Kan.) Rafael Santos represented the boxing team for his academic performance.

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## Aqua 'Cats compete at Stevens Point

STEVENS POINT, Wis. — The Northern Michigan University women's swimming and diving team concluded two days of competition at the Stevens Point Invite. NMU ended the two days of swimming and diving with 232.5 points which was good for seventh place. The host school, UW-Stevens Point, won the event with 799 points.

Kelli Vander Baan began the day with a second-place showing in the 1-meter diving event. She recorded 394.75 points. The first swimming event of the day was the 200-yard medley relay. The Wildcats were sixth in the events with a time of 1:56.55. Members of the relay were Gaby Alzaga, Olga Budiansky, Lauren Cockels and Kelsey Sipple.

Lindsay VandenBroeck (1:08.52) and Cockels (1:09.00) were 14th and 16th respectively in the 100 butterfly. Budianskiy with a time of 1:10.08 placed fifth in the 100 breaststroke with teammate Jessica Linnen (1:20.69) 16th.

Alzaga took the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:12.02 as Ashley Backman (2:24.35) was 14th in the event. Sipple, in the 50 freestyle, swam a 25.87 for a fifth-place showing.

The final swimming event was the 400 freestyle relay. NMU's team of Sipple, Lindsay Stedman, Alzaga and Cockels swam a 3:51.88 for seventh place.

The squad will swim in its final dual meet of the season on Saturday, Jan. 30 at Grand Valley State.

—NMU Sports Information



# NFL needs some changes for 2010-11



## Outside the Playbook

Trevor Pellerite

Well, folks, it's almost February, and with the exception of the ever popular Pro-Bowl and the actually popular Superbowl, the 2009-10 NFL season is basically over. This year provided us with some wonderful memories, including Terrell Owens being sent (and kept relatively silent) to Buffalo, the New England Patriots losing in the first round of the playoffs and the Detroit Lions finishing the year with an actual integer in the win column. But some

glaring flaws in the NFL system were once again brought out for all to see, so here's a short list of changes I'd like to see for next year's season.

For starters, it's time to expand on challenges. The decision to allow coaches to challenge certain plays and calls proved to be a wise one, and fans can rest assured that incompletes were really incomplete and touchdowns have actually been touched down. Yet something remains that has hampered the legitimacy of games and still gives fans and coaches fits: pass interference. Next season, I'd like to see coaches have the ability to contest pass interference calls of over 15 yards. As demonstrated in the NFC Championship game last week, not every instance

of pass interference is legitimate, and those calls can change the outcome of an entire game. It's time for these calls to be made correctly, and instant replay will allow that to happen.

This is a perennial debate among the throngs of NFL faithful: overtime. There have been some questionable finishes in the past, but again, the NFC championship showed us how absolutely ludicrous the system is. Basically, after 60 minutes of sweat and sacrifice, the Saints and Vikings trusted a Superbowl berth to a coin flip. According to ESPN.com, as of 2007, the winner of the coin toss won the overtime period 63.6 percent of the time. Professional football remains the only sport that can settle a match without giving

both teams equal opportunity to score. Imagine if hockey games only allowed one side to shoot in a shootout. What if the NBA only allowed one team to possess the ball? Whether the collegiate football overtime system is the answer or not, something needs to change to decide these crucial game outcomes.

My final gripe is something that I firmly believe should stay the same, and that is the NFL salary cap. Commissioner Roger Goodell has come out as saying that there will likely be no salary cap for the 2010-11 season. Effectively, this will mean that the amount teams can spend on their payrolls will be limited only by the size of their respective wallets. With no salary cap, there is nothing to stop

players from simply flocking to the highest bidder. This means that bustling media markets and booming metropolis areas like Kansas City, Cleveland and Detroit will buy up all the stars and dominate the league. Or, perhaps slightly more realistically, teams from those areas will no longer have any chance at success. At USA-today.com, rankings are available for the 2009 season, listing teams in order of total team payroll. The teams that made the playoffs this year rank anywhere from No. 4 (New Orleans Saints) to No. 28 (Dallas Cowboys, surprisingly) on the list. The salary cap is crucial to ensure parity throughout the NFL. Otherwise, all our teams will simply be at the mercy of Jerry Jones' seemingly infinite bankroll.

## Northern Challenge in photos



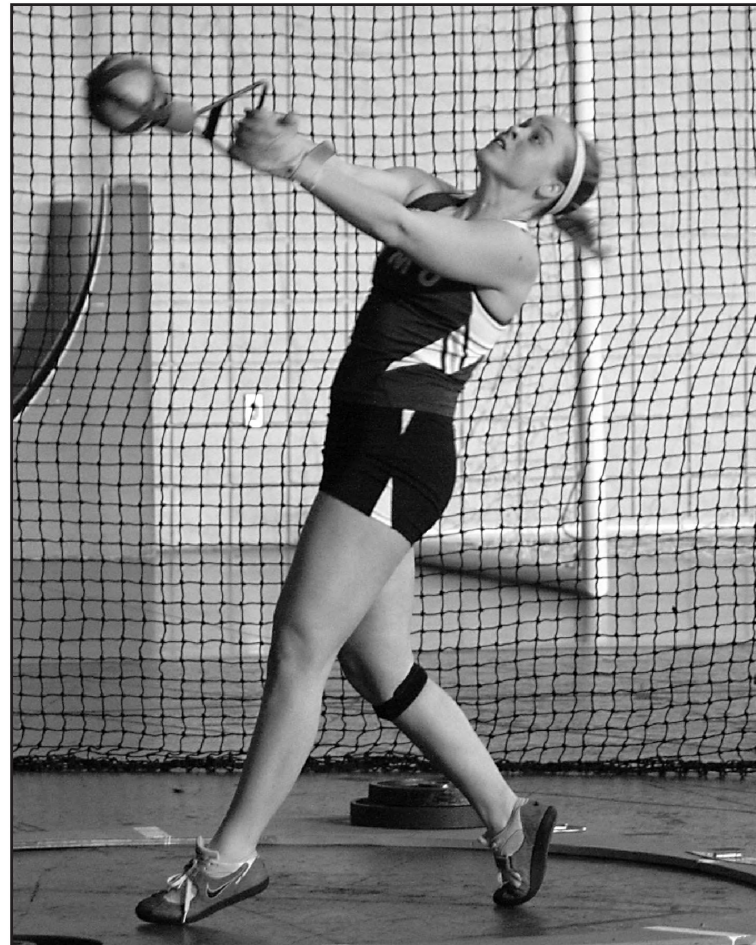
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Left: Bailey Franklin (far left) and Melissa Christensen (right) race in the 55-meter hurdle finals. Christensen came in first, followed by Franklin only .03 seconds behind. Top: Franklin lands a long jump during the field competition. She took first place, turning in a jump of 5.18 meters.



Trevor Pellerite/NW

Left: Lindsay Balutis accelerates down the runway for a pole vault. Balutis finished third with a vault of 2.43 meters. Right: Mariah Beaman swings through and gathers momentum for the weight throw event. Beaman came in fifth with a toss of 11.94 meters.



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**Today, Jan. 28**

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

**Event:** Campus Girl Scouts will meet from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Pioneer Room A in the University Center.

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

**Event:** NMU Swing Dance will meet from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Superior 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.

**Event:** The Three-Month Challenge: Moving Your Organization Forward at the Speed of Light! -- Skill Builder will be held from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Dr. Barbara Luke will present Women, Obesity and the Therapeutic Effect of Diet, the event will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall in the Hedgecock building. This is free to the public.

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

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**Fri., Jan. 29**

**Event:** Radio X will meet from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. in Pioneer Room A of the University Center.

**Event:** International Students Lunch will be held from 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. in the Food Court.

**Event:** Multi Play will meet from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. in Pioneer Room A in the University Center.

**Event:** Presentation on The Intel Internship Experience for NMU Computer Science Majors will be held at 4 p.m. in the New Science Facility 1205.

**Sat., Jan. 30**

**Event:** Dreamscapes will meet from 12 p.m. until 11 p.m. in Pioneer Room A.

**Event:** Weekend College for Kids will be held from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. More information available at the Seaborg Center at 227-2002.

**Movie:** "Rocky Horror Picture Show" will be showing in JXJ 102 at 12 a.m. Doors open at 11:30 p.m. Free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

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

**Sun., Jan. 31**

**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:** "Zombieland" will be playing in JXJ 102 at 6 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. Free to NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Mon., Feb. 1**

**Event:** AFSCME will meet from 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m. in the Superior Room in the University Center.

**Event:** Center for Student Enrichment will hold Winter Fest/Black History Month from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Lakes Room of the University Center.

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

**Event:** The Golden Z Club will meet from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

**Event:** The Lutheran Student Movement will have a speaker from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Superior Edge orientation will be held from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in The Back Room of

the University Center.

**Tues., Feb. 2**

**Event:** Center for Student Enrichment will hold Winter Fest/Black History Month from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Lakes Room of the University Center.

**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:** NMU Crew will meet from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Marquette 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:** Alex's Lemonade Stand will meet from 8 p.m. until 9 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:** Outlook will meet from 9:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Marquette room of the University Center.

**Event:** Study Abroad Information session will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Room 141 Whitman Hall.

**Event:** The Ukulele: A Life-Changing Experience -- Skill Builder will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** How To Be Successful at a Job Fair workshop will be held at 6 p.m. in 2303 C.B. Hedgecock. This is a free workshop. Wednesday, February 3

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

**Event:** NMU HILLEL will meet from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. in Pioneer Room B 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.

**Event:** Put the World on Your Resume -- Skill Builder will be held from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Event:** How To Be Successful at a Job Fair workshop will be held at 6 p.m. in 2303 C.B. Hedgecock. This is a free workshop.

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**Greta** — You look great with a Murky-Moe! Have a great semester. — **ME**

**Matt** — Happy Birthday. — **PE**

**Darlon** — Please don't let there be a reset. Don't do that to me. Also, don't let John Locke be dead. — **Lost Fan**

**Jamaican Hut** — Stay together, man. I know it's Natasha's fault you keep falling apart, but I can't keep taping you. — **Alex**

**Natasha** — That's right. Your fault. It's even in the paper now. And, they wouldn't print it if it wasn't true...right? — **Alex**

**NW Staff** — I love you guys. Thanks for making my Wednesday nights awesome. — **Belz**

**Lola and Nemo** — Don't worry about the 21 thing. You guys are in the final stretch now. Besides, bars are better in the summer anyway. — **Chief**

**Mickdiq, Coolman, and Fix**— Schaefer may be gone. But, let's tear this town up anyway. He would have wanted that way. — **Belz**

**Thao and Steph** — I hope you guys had awesome birthdays! — **Alex**

**OE** — You've got to catch up on five seasons of Lost in five days. Are you up for the challenge? — **ANE**

**Mark** — I'm glad you freakin' heart me. Ditto. — **Allison**

**Mark** — Everyday, I realize how sad my life was without your face. — **Lu**

**Lucia** — Even though the club isn't for me, we should hang out some time. — **Lucy**

**ANE** — I'm up for part of the challenge. — **OE**

**Tom Cory** — You get funnier by the minute. — **OE**

**Lucy**— I shall never be as cool of

a Lucy as you. — **Lucia**

**Scott** — I heart you. — **Lu**

**Josh** — I'm glad you finally admitted your sickness. I better not get it! — **Lu**

**Tom and Seth** — Happy Birthdays! — **Lu**

**Thao** — Love you darkness! Sorry I've had so much to do— **Cameron**

**News Writers** — Thanks for sticking it out guys, it's been a crazy week— **NE**

**EVERYONE EVER!** — Check out my blog about my tri-weekly adventures! theadventuresofbaby.blogspot.com. — **Baby**

**SE** — Let's hang out more often. — **OE**

**Eeesabella** — You are my lofff, in my home country. — **Trevvy**

**Manner** — We need to go on an adventure; it's been too long. — **Baby and Bobo**

**Andrew** — Thanks for your help with the dollars. I really appreciate it. — **Lucy**

**Lost** — Less than one week until I can bask in your sweet glow. — **FE**

**EIC** — We definitely need to hang out sometime soon. — **FE**

**Cuzy** — Sorry that I sometimes take my bad mood out on you. — **Lu**

**Jess** — I'd like to hang out with you some time. — **Lucy**

**BM** — It's been a rough couple of days, but we still rock. — **EIC**

**FE** — Agreed. We have some business to take care of, particularly all the movies I want to borrow from you. — **EIC**

**Tom** — The likeness is stunning. — **EIC**

**Claire** — Sorry I didn't e-mail you today. Lunch some time sounds grand. — **Lucy**

**FE** — I do not want to go to a sock-hop with you. Also, you singing GaGa acoustic is amazing srslly. — **EIC**

**PE** — Baby in new colors? Best day ever. Thanks. — **EIC**

**FE, OE, SE, NE** — I enjoy getting jjs and listening to Bad Romance late at night with you..

**Inspirations**  
Baby  
Uniqueness  
Alliteration

Lost  
AP Style

Those who can't do, write  
Yeah, no

**ALEX NYE THE COMIC GUY** — Alex Nye



**NORTHERNANIMALS** — Stephanie Bajema



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**Saturday,**

**February 13**

Broomball Tournament  
Outside the PEIF

Wildcat Basketball vs.  
Ferris State  
Berry Events Center  
Women's at 11 a.m.  
Men's at 1 p.m.

Wildcat Hockey vs.  
Western Michigan  
Berry Events Center  
7:30 p.m.  
Pregame Show  
Presented by Cat Chat  
7 p.m.

**Sunday,**

**February 14**

Broomball  
Championship  
Tournament  
Outside the PEIF

Clue Kick-Off  
Back Room, UC  
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**Monday,**

**February 15**

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**Tuesday,**

**February 16**

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**Wednesday,**

**February 17**

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Berry Events Center  
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**Thursday,**

**February 18**

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