

— The Winter Olympics are in full swing. — pg 15 and 16.

## Student dies in tragic car accident

By Lucy Hough  
editor in chief

Becky Blackburn planned to move to Colorado in May. She hoped to manage a hotel and spend her spare time skiing and being carefree.

Blackburn, a senior hospitality management major, died this past weekend in a car accident off of U.S. Route 41. Her car was discovered on Friday, Feb. 12 having gone off the road and flipped. Her body was found the next day in the Carp River. The cause of the accident is being investigated.

"She always wanted to manage a hotel; her main focus was to get out to Colorado and those mountains," said Brittany Blackburn, Becky's sister.

Skiing was her passion. She spent a lot of time out in nature, going on hikes, taking walks and going on bike rides. According to those who knew her, Becky was always smiling, outgoing and optimistic. Her family and friends were very important to her, and she loved life.

"She's just greatly missed, words can't even describe," Brittany said. "We really loved her, I mean ... we don't know how to go on."

Sue, Becky's mother, said that Becky has always cared tremendously for other people. When Becky was little, she wanted to be a mom when she grew up. Sue encouraged her to consider



Photo courtesy of Meagan Hennekens

Friends of Becky Blackburn put together a peace-sign wreath of silk flowers to be erected near where her car accident occurred on U.S. Route 41.

other professions, but Becky insisted that she wanted to be like her mom and bake cookies.

"When I think back, I think that's why she went into the hospitality management, because it means that she could serve the public," Sue said. "That's what she wanted to do; she always wanted to help people and do things like a mom would do."

Becky is survived by two brothers, two sisters, a niece, nephew and many friends.

"She was a beautiful person inside and out," Sue said. "She had a beautiful smile all the time, she knew how to light up a room."

Serra Hasenauer, a close

friend of Becky and a senior nursing major, said that those who met Becky immediately fell in love with her because of her contagious spirit. Hasenauer said that she and Becky were inseparable and there was a lot about Becky that she admired, like her strength.

"She wouldn't want me to be sad. She would want everyone to keep smiling and keep living for themselves and taking the time to live," Hasenauer said.

On Tuesday, Feb. 16, a number of Becky's friends came together to decorate a four-foot wreath with bright silk flowers. It will be placed on the roadside near where Becky's accident



Photo courtesy of Serra Hasenauer

Becky Blackburn, who was expected to graduate in May, died this weekend and is survived by two brothers, two sisters, a niece, nephew, and friends.

took place. When asking people to bring flowers, they requested that they be brightly colored.

"We want it to be bright, like Becky, forever, like her smile," Hasenauer said.

Becky was employed at the Ramada and Vangos. She worked primarily at Vangos, and her co-workers agreed that

Becky was full of life. Michelle Butler, an owner of Vangos, said that they are greatly affected by the loss.

"It's just really hard for everyone to talk about it right now because we're still trying to deal with it," Butler said. "She was always warm. She was always happy."

## Foundation receives an increase in donations

By James Dyer  
staff writer

A recent study has shown that while charitable donations to universities across the country have decreased this year, NMU's have nearly doubled.

A survey of more than 1,000 universities compiled by the Council for Aid to Education shows that Michigan State University had a four percent reduction of donations and the University of Michigan lost nearly 21 percent of its average annual donations from 2008.

Northern Michigan University ranks among the few schools in the country that have seen an increase in charitable donations from the last fiscal year. NMU received \$4.795 million this year; a 42 percent increase

from the amount of donations received in 2008.

"It's just a matter of timing," said Kathy Frazier, director of foundation finance for the NMU Foundation. "The gifts come in from donors when it's a good time to give."

Larger donations often come out of wills, retirement money and when a business gets sold, while smaller donations come from money given annually by alumni, she said.

"We don't generally get money from organizations," Frazier said. "Most of the time it comes from an individual."

Money from these endowed gifts normally goes to an area specified by the donor, she said. The Beaumier UP Heritage

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## NMU hosts student leaders

By John Becker  
staff writer

Last week, the Associated Students of NMU hosted the Student Association of Michigan's monthly conference where many of the student governments of Michigan's public universities attended to discuss key issues concerning students and universities and to plan for a rally in March.

Jordan Twardy, president of SAM, said that during these rough economic times, public universities are concerned that their needs are not a high priority in the state budget. He said when cuts are made to education funding to address its budget deficit, there are often wide-reaching repercussions.

"What happens is the schools are then forced to raise cost and that cut is passed on to the students and their families," Twardy said.

By cutting funding to higher education, he said students will end up having to make up the difference with more expensive tuition.

SAM is not trying to blame anyone, Twardy said, but rather find a solution where appropriations to public universities are not lowered.

Twardy said another discussion point for SAM was figuring out the logistical intricacies of a rally planned for March 25, 12-4 p.m. at the Capitol Building in Lansing, Mich.

"This rally we're having in March is kind of the culmination the efforts that we've been making this year in terms of doing something to address the consistent disinvestment in higher education," he said.

Twardy said the rally, which they are calling the "SAM Lansing Blitz," is a chance for students to assemble and voice their dissatisfaction with the way the state government has planned

for students' futures.

NMU President Les Wong said he hopes the rally will impact and influence legislation and, hopefully, influence the candidates who are seeking office.

"SAM represents a powerful coalition of student leaders across the state that I think has a very clear purpose," he said.

The mission of the public higher education system is to provide an accessible university education because states benefit from having young, bright people in their state, Wong said.

"The appropriations from state legislatures to public universities are in decline. The highest point of state support for Northern was close to 70 percent. It's now about 20 [percent]," he said.

The decline has occurred over the past 10-15 years, Wong said, and the result is higher tuition.

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## Briefs

### Conflict resolution to be taught

The Center for Student Enrichment is sponsoring a Skill Builder! workshop called "Mediation: Alternative Dispute Resolution on Campus" on Tuesday, Feb. 23.

This is a new workshop that is open to the public. Tom Wynsma, a senior political science major, and Jessie Price, a junior political science major, are putting the workshop on as the first in a series of similar events. This workshop will be in lecture form, consisting of a brief description of what mediation is and how it can be used at NMU while raising awareness of the importance of mediation.

Skill Builder! workshops can be helpful with gaining leadership opportunities, getting involved with campus groups and ideas of how to live your life on campus, said Becky Rasmussen, a leadership program coordinator. It will be in the Back Room on the first floor of the University Center at 6 p.m.

— Adelle Whitefoot

### Workshop improves teachers

The Center for Native American Studies is hosting a workshop for indigenous language teachers on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m.

According to Kenn Pitawanakwat from the Center for Native American Studies, this event is designed to help save the Anishinaabe language by instructing speakers how to better teach future generations in classes.

This three-day workshop will be taught by guest speaker S. Neyooxet Greymorning. Greymorning is the creator of a popular teaching method called Accelerated Second Language Acquisition, which teaches people the language by connecting objects with the words. Attendees are expected from across the nation, from the Marquette area to Arizona. While the workshop is designed for indigenous speakers, the public is welcome to observe.

For more information, visit the Center for Native American Studies Web site at <http://webb.nmu.edu/Centers/NativeAmericanStudies/>.

— Audrey Menninga

### Scandinavian cuisine offered

A traditional Scandinavian dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Chez Nous student-run restaurant located in the Jacobetti Center. The event will be hosted by the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning.

According to Paula McCormick, the vice chair of the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning, the dinner will feature Scandinavian cuisine prepared by Chef Deb Pearce and NMU culinary students. The dinner will include a salad, entrée and dessert. There will be entertainment and information during the dinner, which will be based on Scandinavian culture.

Each year the Northern Center for Lifelong Learning holds an ethnic dinner to support cultures from around the world. McCormick said that food is a way to bring people together to celebrate different cultures.

The cost is \$28 for Northern Center for Lifelong Learning members and \$35 for nonmembers. Payment is due at registration. For more information or to register, contact Carolyn McDonald at 228-9847.

—Amber Snyder

### Music out of thin air



Ashley Wiggins/NW

Kiss-My-Anthia, a group from Meyland Hall, pretends to play "Rock 'n Roll All Night" by Kiss at the 2010 Air-band competition in Jamrich 102 on Feb. 16. Groups all across campus competed in the event.

## ASNMU update

### Vote on possible bylaw changes tabled until next week

By Ben Hocking  
Staff Writer

At this week's Associated Students of NMU meeting, the board members decided to push back the approval of the organization's bylaw changes for the second straight week due to a lack of familiarity with the changes among the board members.

ASNMU treasurer Andrew Foster called upon the board to get more acquainted with the possible changes immediately since the bylaws serve as rules for how the organization is supposed to operate. Foster said the representatives should have read the proposed changes more closely to help address errors in the bylaws.

"You didn't read the bylaws close-

ly if you read them at all," he said. "[The bylaws] aren't meant to be taken lightly."

The bylaw changes include a proposal for a new campus organizer position which would be the chair of the External Affairs Committee. Board members were confused about what the responsibilities that the new position would entail since they are not clearly stated in the proposed changes.

ASNMU president Jason Morgan called for more participation from board members in crafting the proposed bylaw changes.

"Anyone who wants to work on the [bylaw changes] can help work on them," he said. "These are [mistakes] we should notice before the

meeting."

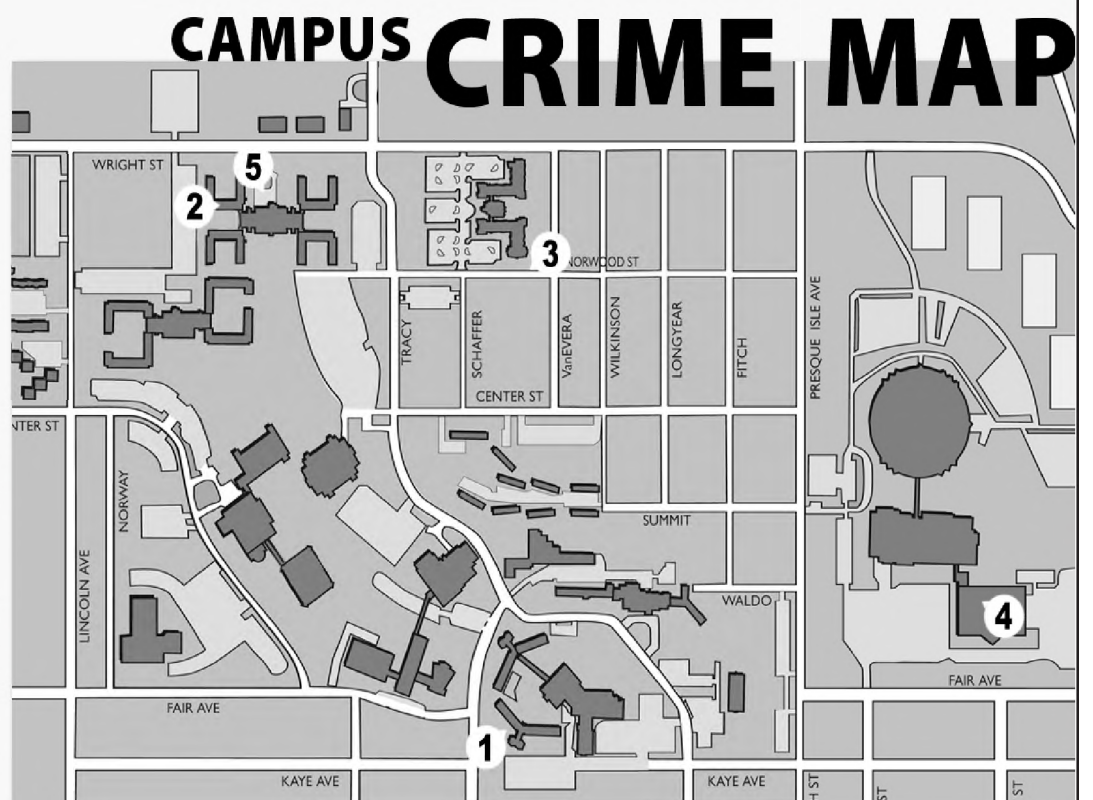
ASNMU vice president Josh Corbat said that bylaws aren't typically changed often within an organization. He said it was important that ASNMU spend the time to make them as concise as possible to avoid problems for future ASNMU members.

"These bylaws could be around for the next 30 years," he said. "These [bylaws] are a living, breathing body of what we do at ASNMU."

In other action, sophomore political science major Travis Crowe's appointment as an art and science representative was unanimously approved. The board also discussed possible changes to the time of their Thursday meeting, which they decided to discuss further at a later date.

### Map Key

- 1) A student was referred to the dean for possession of marijuana at 6:11 p.m. on Feb. 11 in West Hall.
- 2) An incident of criminal sexual conduct was reported at 7:18 a.m. on Feb. 12 in Hunt Hall.
- 3) A community member was arrested on suspicion of operating while intoxicated at 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 13 at Wright Street and Neadhart Avenue.
- 4) Hockey equipment was reported stolen at 10:31 a.m. on Feb. 16 at the Berry Events Center.
- 5) Tires were reported slashed at 7 p.m. on Feb. 16 in Lot 9.





# Area food banks offer extra assistance

By Melissa Seelye  
staff writer

Walter Sleeter, director of operations for the Marquette Salvation Army, said that people who have always squeaked by financially in the past are finding it harder to do so in today's economy and those people include NMU students.

"There is no squeak anymore," said Sleeter.

The Salvation Army food bank serves more than 75 NMU students each month, in addition to four or five students at each of its weekly lunches. Students also get 20 percent off store merchandise on Saturdays.

To be eligible for assistance, students must first qualify through the Michigan Department of Human Services and then demonstrate this need to the Salvation Army upon their initial visit.

Most who visit the food bank fall under the category of "families under three people" which, Sleeter said, provides them with about enough food for a week. He added that pantries generally handle emergencies and that most college students use the resource on an as-needed basis.

"I think the economy has an awful lot to do with it. And I do not see any drastic change in that for at least a couple years ... there is no overnight fix," Sleeter said.

In the meantime, he expects

the demand to continue to rise, saying that the area has yet to reach the peak of its need. Still, he remains optimistic.

"The Upper Peninsula is a very unique place," Sleeter said. "The community, when they know there is a need, responds."

Students in need also visit St. Vincent de Paul's food pantry, which bases their distribution on individual or family income and allows for weekly pickups. Like the Salvation Army, they also feature a student discount day, which gives students 20 percent off with their NMU ID on Fridays.

Laurie Schmidt, executive director of the Diocesan Council of Marquette which oversees the local St. Vincent de Paul thrift store, said that NMU students do visit the pantry, but that it's difficult to track the exact number.

In addition to the essentials such as bread, cereal, soup, vegetables, hamburger, spaghetti sauce and pasta, Schmidt said that St. Vincent de Paul also tries to provide things like toilet paper, laundry detergent and Kleenex, items food stamps don't often cover.

"It's not always food items," Schmidt said. "Sometimes it's just things they need for daily living."

Dave Mason, branch manager of the Central Upper Peninsula Food Bank in Ishpeming, said that he sees between 10 and

20 NMU students at each of his bi-monthly pantries. He said that this number has steadily increased since the pantry opened three years ago.

The Central U.P. Food Bank is a "client-choice food pantry," meaning that individuals are able to choose approximately 100 pounds worth of whatever items they want.

"I would imagine the nutritional values of the stuff they're taking have to be considerably better [than what they could afford on their own]," Mason added.

However, with the need increasing, Mason's funding does not go as far as it used to. Despite the threat of having to temporarily close down in order to generate more funding, Mason said that he will continue working to provide food to those in need.

"Our mission statement is to end hunger in Michigan, and I always kind of thought, well, what better way to end hunger than to jump right into the front lines," Mason said.

The facility, which is a Feeding America food bank, does not require any demonstration of need. Rather, Mason said, they take everyone at face value, running on a "no questions asked" policy.

Mason said that he knows how hard it can be for students to get help with the financial guide-



Melissa Seelye/NW

Dana Robbe, a former student who graduated in 2009, stocks the shelves of the food pantry at the Marquette Salvation Army.

lines that are in place, especially if their parents are still claiming them as dependents.

Therefore, Mason strives to make the experience as accommodating as possible. He said that he knows how difficult it can be to "stand in line and suck up

your pride" to wait for food.

"What if it were you?" Mason said.

For more information, call the Salvation Army at 226-2241, St. Vincent de Paul at 226-3840, or the Central UP Food Bank at 485-4988.

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Jason Morgan, President of ASNMU, said that because of the disinvestment in higher education, it is the duty of the student governments to see how they can help bring change to the economic downturn.

"I think the biggest issue is what we as student governments need to do over the next year to look out for students in the face of declining state funding and possible tuition hikes," he said.

Morgan also said one of the benefits of having a conference with SAM is that every university is tackling similar issues, and therefore each student government can share ideas on what they are doing and discuss how they can best handle the situation as a collective.

"Having this opportunity to coordinate with the other universities in the state allows all of us to be more effective and all of us to do better job representing and advocating for students," Morgan said.

## New credit card law hinders student access

By Ben Hocking  
staff writer

When criminal justice major Jake Bilodeau graduates from NMU in 2010, he will take with him not only the lessons he learned in the classroom, but also lessons learned about the dangers of credit card debt.

Bilodeau, like many other college students across the country, found getting approved for a credit card as an easy way to maintain the lifestyle he otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford. He applied for his first two credit cards at age 20 in 2008 without a job to support his spending.

Bilodeau charged expenses such as rent, eating out and a new Xbox 360 to his two new credit cards. He had them both maxed out with a combined debt of around \$1,600 within four months, and found out he had no means to make the required monthly payments. Bilodeau soon found himself under the pressure of daily calls from creditors and increasing debt from high interest rates.

"I found out the hard way that the credit card companies aren't the most sympathetic people in the world," he said.

Under new legislation passed by Congress aimed at lowering the \$973 billion worth of credit card debt among Americans, stu-

dents such as Bilodeau won't be issued credit cards as effortlessly as in past years beginning Tuesday, Feb. 22nd.

Among the new restrictions included in the credit Card Accountability Responsibility and Disclosure Act, credit card distributors will be forced to deny people under the age of 21 credit cards unless they can prove that they can make the monthly payments. They will have to have a job, savings account or income from investments. If an underage person is unable to prove this, they will be required to find an adult cosigner, who will be legally responsible for the debt if the cardholder does not keep up with the payments.

Although the new restrictions will make it harder for students to receive a credit card and build their credit score, it could also end up saving students' money if they use the cosigner restriction to get lower interest rates on their credit cards. The cosigner can see their credit score hurt however if the student doesn't keep up with the payments, said NMU finance professor David Rayome.

"For the student [with a cosigner] it's actually a better deal," he said.

The CARD Act also restricts credit card companies from offering gifts such as iPods and T-shirts as incentives for signing up

for a credit card.

Credit card companies often persuade students with these gifts in order to get them to sign off on cards that have high interest rates and annual membership fees, which cover more than the cost of the free items, said NMU economics professor Tawni Ferrarini.

"Students should understand that there is no such thing as truly free gift," said Ferrarini. "If students were well informed about the credit card contracts they entered when signing on the dotted line, this government regulation would not be necessary."

The lack of financial literacy among students has led to an increase in the amount of overall debt among college students across the country. The average graduating senior owes more than \$4,100, up from the 2004 average of \$2,900 according to an April 2009 study done by Sallie Mae, a company that provides and collects student loans. Twenty one percent of undergraduates had between \$3,000 and \$7,000 of credit card debt.

Bilodeau was only able to get out of his credit card debt after his mother stepped in to pay off both of his credit cards. He still uses both cards, but he charges them sparingly and makes payments monthly with money he earns from working as a server.

He said the experience has made him more fiscally responsible.

"I learned if you don't have the money, don't spend it," he said. "If you have the money and can make the payments do it to build credit, but don't just use [credit cards] as [a way] to have a little fun."

### Credit Statistics

84 percent of undergraduate students said they need more education on financial management

84 percent of undergraduate students have at least one credit card

21 percent of undergraduates had between \$3,000 and \$7,000 worth of credit card debt.

In spring 2008, 15 percent of freshmen had balances of zero on their cards, down from 69 percent in 2004

Information from a study by Sallie Mae



# Tournament makes science fun for kids

By Delaney Lovett  
staff writer

Middle school and high school students from across the Upper Peninsula assembled in NMU's Seaborg Center for the Region 1 Science Olympiad Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 13.

Middle school and high school teams from as far as Calumet and Iron Mountain each participated in 23 events with categories including life science, physical science, earth and space science, engineering and technology and science processes.

The Science Olympiad Tournament is the biggest event that Susan Nazarko, coordinator of conferences and precollege programs at NMU, organizes each year.

"It's exciting," said Nazarko. "It's like a basketball district tournament, but it's all academic."

The Olympiad is a learning experience not only for the participating students and their coaches but also everyone involved from the Northern professors and students who helped at each of 46 events to those who planned and organized it.

The Olympiad relies on the help of over 125 volunteers, most of whom are students and professors who come from the NMU community.

"If we didn't have between 125 and 130 volunteers every year, there would be no Olympiad. It just wouldn't happen. They are what make it possible," Nazarko said.

Nazarko said she sees the

Olympiad as a big recruitment opportunity for the university.

"We have these students in our classrooms and our laboratories with our professors and our graduate students," Nazarko said. "I have students who are enrolled at Northern right now who were in Science Olympiad in middle school and high school who are now event helpers."

Hosting the Science Olympiad Tournament is beneficial to the university because it gives Northern a good reputation, said Kyle Robertson, a sophomore applied technology major with an emphasis in electrical power.

"It even helps the community to see that we're supportive of [the Olympiad]," Robertson said.

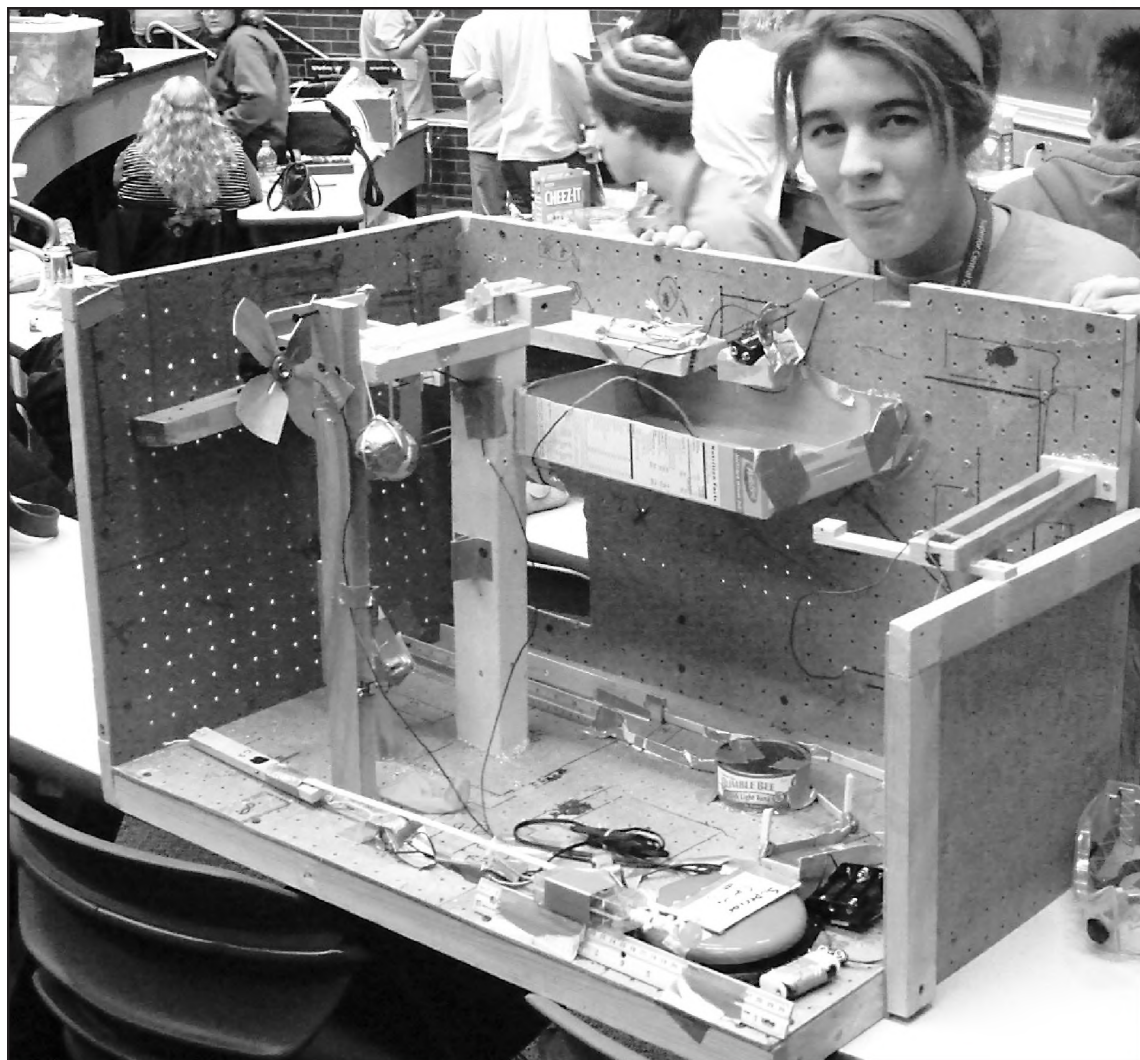
Robertson helped at the elevated bridges event, making sure the kids' bridges met the specific requirements and testing their structure with a weight test.

"Every year I'm impressed with the work the kids are doing," Robertson said.

Robertson said he's happy to help and hopes Northern can continue to host the Olympiad.

"I think [NMU] gets a chance first of all for students like me to come and help out because I'm learning too, helping the kids and seeing their designs," Robertson said.

Carolyn Lowe, an associate professor of education at NMU, said she appreciates the practical experience the Olympiad offers Northern students as well. She had three pre-service teachers assisting her at the technical problem solving event for high school students.



Paul Goodrich/NW

Student Amanda Candy entered her simple machine project at the Science Olympiad Tournament at NMU's Seaborg Center on Saturday, Feb. 13. Teams from middle school and high schools across the U.P. competed.

"[Pre-service teachers] get to work with kids; it's a great volunteer activity for them. I think that's one of the benefits we have here is that the people who are going to be teachers get to participate," Lowe said.

She said the kids competing in the event got to learn how to use probes and computers to measure the pH, chlorine, minerals

and color of unknown liquids.

"It's fun, but they also in preparing for it had to learn a lot of technical stuff and how to run the equipment and how to collect the data if they're going to do well. It's a huge learning experience in their preparation," Lowe said.

The hard work that students contribute pays off when the top two ranked middle schools and

top three high schools receive an invitation to advance to the State Science Olympiad Tournament against representatives from all of Michigan.

This year's invitations were awarded to Washington and Superior Central Middle Schools and to Gwinn, Superior Central and Gladstone High Schools to compete in Lansing on May 1.

## Donations

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center and the Devos Art Museum are specific projects that received funding from donors, but money can also go to student scholarships and toward specific departments.

Grand Valley State University (GVSU) has also seen increased donations over the past fiscal year. Maribeth Wardrop, the vice president of university development GVSU, said that creating personal relationships with donors has been important.

"We want to make sure donors know exactly how their gifts help the students," Wardrop said.

One change she has seen in the past ten years is the places the donations are coming from. Ten years ago, GVSU got their money from specific individuals and corporations. Now more money is coming in from organizations such as the J.C. Kellogg Foundation, and the Steelcase Founda-

tion.

Ferris State University (FSU) has seen a 17 percent cut in donations compared to the past fiscal year. John Willey, the vice president for University Advancement and Marketing at FSU, cites the economic situation in Michigan as the reason charitable donations have decreased.

"Michigan has dropped over the past decade from being [twentieth] nationally in per capita income to [fortieth] ... It's not hard to see why charitable contributions have declined."

While the drop is not entirely out of line with long term planning, FSU has taken steps to lessen the burden on its students.

"We have moved to close the gap with a special fundraising program to seek scholarships for students whose financial circumstances are especially precarious," said Willey.

The reason NMU and other schools have been able to stay ahead of other schools when it comes to donations, has been the

personal relationships it forms with donors, said Mary Crampton, a development officer at the NMU Foundation. Crampton works mainly with the College of Arts and Sciences to get NMU Alumni re-engaged in the University, and inform them of what's happening on campus.

"We listen to the experiences (of alumni), and try to figure out what kinds of things they might be interested in seeing succeed here," said Crampton.

The goal, she said, is to make the donor satisfied with what their money is being used for here at the NMU. Crampton travels to places where there are concentrations of NMU alumni like California, Illinois, Wisconsin, South Eastern Michigan, and New England.

The reason NMU is able to create a strong relationship with donors, she said, is our uniqueness as a school.

"People that come to NMU feel like they're part of a club," said Crampton, "They really feel like they belong."

## Student Finance Committee Meeting

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

This week, the following budget will be considered:

Organization	Event	Sum Requested
Paranormal Research Team	Lloyd Auerbach	\$4,732

Total SFC funds remaining for allocation this semester: **\$24,240.02**

To contact the Student Finance Committee or to submit your organization's budget, call 227-2452 or send an e-mail to [sfc@nmu.edu](mailto:sfc@nmu.edu).





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## Everyone should partake in U.P. 200

This weekend, Marquette will host the U.P. 200 for the nineteenth year. The 240-mile dog-sled race from Marquette to Grand Marais and back is a staple in Marquette's identity that brings together people across the U.P. and beyond.

This is a chance for students to join the community in an event that is important to the face of Marquette. The event, which definitely has majesty of sorts due to its uniqueness, is an opportunity for Northern students to become a part of a greater community, that of Marquette. We encourage students to attend the launching of the race on Friday, Feb. 19 at 7:15 p.m. to support the community and the event.

The benefits of this event are innumerable. Marquette, so isolated by snow and hidden by the vastness of the Upper Peninsula, could use any recognition it can get. There is no doubt that Marquette is fantastic in itself, as seen by its recent nomination as a "distinctive destination" by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, but it is events like this that give us a chance to show off.

What makes the U.P. 200 special is that it is driven by volunteers. Students and community members alike come out in the freezing cold

not only to watch the dogs speed across the starting line but to assist in the logistics of the event. This makes it possible for the event to be held every year. Of the 600 people who are volunteering for the races in Marquette, half of them are students. This shows the unique relationship between Northern and the community, something that we should all be proud of and work to continue on a larger scale.

The U.P. 200 is also a qualifier for the Iditarod, so this gives students and community members alike an opportunity to be involved in something that is bigger than Marquette. We should be proud to be a part of such an important experience.

While it is run almost entirely by volunteers, the U.P. 200 boosts the Upper Peninsula's economy. People come from around the U.P. and beyond to watch and participate, thus giving local hotels, restaurants and other businesses opportunities to succeed.

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## Letters to the Editor

### 'Crossing Winds' too easy for students

In the Thursday, Feb. 11 issue of the North Wind, a crossword puzzle was included in the sixth page. After completing the "Crossing Winds" crossword puzzle in under 90 seconds, I felt compelled to convey my disappointment to the editor of this publication.

Some questions were so embarrassingly simple that I felt silly to be seen actually putting pen to paper. The North Wind is, as put, "The student newspaper of Northern Michigan University."

As such, the content should directly reflect the thought process of the student body as a whole.

When one looks down into the depths of the question "What country is Vancouver in?" all they see reflected is ignorance.

Mike Vallin  
Junior, Earth Science

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## For What It's Worth

By Lucia Lopez - Opinion Editor



# Marquette's winter parking needs reform

We have all seen the bright envelopes on our friend's, a stranger's or even our own windshields. Oftentimes, all those pieces of paper mean to us is we will be out \$50 that month.

In blizzard-ridden Marquette, that parking fine is necessary to prevent people from parking on the street when the snow plows come out, but after students have been drinking with friends at the bar or after they have been playing beer pong for hours, the last thing on anyone's mind should be that they need to move their cars off the street when 1 a.m. rolls around.

Marquette, like many cities with snowy winters, has a parking ban which prohibits parking on any city street or city parking lot from 1 a.m. until 6 a.m. Nov. 1 through April 1.

Because all other parking spaces in town are private, the parking ban leaves little option for those students who are out drinking than to drive home despite their varying degrees of alcohol intoxication.

According to NMU's Health Promotion Office (HPO), although one-fourth of NMU students haven't drunk alcohol in the last month, one out

of three students consume five or more drinks per sitting. If a 170lb male consumes a six-pack of regular beer, that's approximately a blood alcohol content of .08 — the legal limit in all 50 states — in one hour of drinking.

Inevitably, Northern students will drink, sometimes over the limit, and often some are also driving.

Last year, according to the Marquette Police Department, there were 154 people convicted of driving under the influence in Marquette. This number does not include intoxicated drivers who were not caught.

There's no doubt that there are many programs that NMU provides for its students who are drinking, such as the 30,000 Designated Driver cards that the HPO has put out since January 2007. But is Marquette's winter parking ban encouraging student drivers to drive home after a few drinks so that they don't have to suffer the consequences of a \$50 dent in their pockets?

The need to keep roads clear of snow is certainly important but having drunk or buzzed

drivers on the road is also dangerous.

Luckily, there are solutions that could be explored. Some cities that have to deal with excessively snowy winters and side-street parking, like Grand Rapids, Mich., have a seemingly more efficient way to handle the conflicting issues of snowfall and drunk drivers.

During the winter, Grand Rapids requires those who wish to park outside of private parking to park on the odd addressed side of the street on odd days and on even day, it requires people to park on the even addressed side of the road. This allows parking space for those who need it as well enough room to plow the rest of the road every other day.

I realize this change would require much planning so I offer a temporary solution: the city of Marquette should allow students and citizens alike a designated area in downtown Marquette to park overnight until a more long-term solution can be reached and executed.

While those bright parking tickets are pleasant to laugh about long after paying them, they're unnecessary and are likely deterring students—and Marquette residents—from performing safe drinking practices.

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# Drug tests are not enough for welfare



Guest Column

John Mercer

Last week, the Missouri House of Representatives passed legislation that requires welfare recipients to pass drug tests in order to receive state assistance. While this is a smart move on the Missouri House's part, it is not enough. Social welfare programs footed by working American's taxes are not getting the job done. Government run social welfare programs should be eliminated in their entirety.

We have all heard the stories about the abuse of the system. Unwed mothers continue to have children they cannot afford with fathers who do not support them. Drug addicts use Medicaid benefits to procure free prescription drugs to abuse and sell. College students use food stamps to buy their groceries so they have extra money for beer and recreation. I personally know of a man who has 11 children between two different women. Neither he nor the mothers work, though they are all able-bodied adults. When a person is as unscrupulous as these people are, there is no incentive to work hard and become successful when they can live comfortably off the handouts taken from tax-paying Americans.

This sort of blatant abuse of government welfare programs is rampant and disgusting. It is, however, either completely legal or completely overlooked because of the abundance of abuse that overloads these systems.

Supporters of social welfare programs argue that poverty stricken families deserve adequate housing and food, as if poor families in America live in terribly sub-standard conditions, though oftentimes they don't.

These same 'poor' people live comfortably compared to the rest of the world. According to the Heritage Foundation, of families living below the government poverty level, 46 percent own their

own homes. The average home owned by persons classified as poor by the Census Bureau is a three-bedroom house with one and a half baths, a garage, and a porch or patio. Nearly 75 percent of poor households own a car, 30 percent own two or more cars and over a quarter of poor households have cell phones and telephone answering machines.

Clearly, more often than not, those exploiting government assistance aren't getting it so they can eat and have a home; they are doing it so they can have a higher standard of life.

These people aren't starving, they just want a bigger piece of the pie than they are willing to put in the work for. This is America; nothing can hold you back if you work hard enough to overcome it.

According to Bureau of Labor Statistics reports, regardless of economic conditions, the typical poor family with children is supported by only 800 hours of work during a year. That amounts to 16 hours worked per week. If work in each family were raised to 2,000 hours per year at the same wage rate (the equivalent of one parent working 40 hours per week throughout the year), almost 75 percent of poor children would be lifted out of poverty.

This indicates that most poor people aren't working hard enough to support themselves. Some would rather receive handouts from the government.

Why not? These programs provide no incentive to work. A person or family can stay on welfare indefinitely and have their food, housing and medical bills paid for and not have to work a day in their lives.

The truth of the matter is that we can not lift people out of poverty by giving them handouts.

We must provide them opportunities to lift them up. More spending on educational and vocational training and expansion of programs to subsidize day care so parents can work would be excellent places to start. But until then, I suppose hard-working tax payers will continue to pay for those who have no initiative and would rather receive handouts than work for a living.

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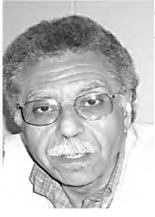
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# Mental health needs must be addressed



## Professor's Corner

Mohey Mowafy

The student who sat in my office holding my box of Kleenex on her lap so she could dry the steady stream of tears falling effortlessly and without a hint of stopping anytime soon was sadly one of so many whose college life has affected their mental health so negatively. For many, the experience is almost precisely the opposite, but for her, the stress of being emerged in a completely new setting has become overwhelming and the depression it creates for many students is paralyzing.

It is universally acknowledged that change is one of, if not the most, powerful factor in creat-

ing stress, and a new college life is certainly no exception. This change is similar to that of international students; their world is completely new and they are mercilessly immersed into a culture they have yet to learn.

The statistics about poor mental health on campuses are staggering, and the evidence that the effects are profoundly significant is practically indisputable. A recent report by the American College Health Association (ACHA) revealed that 25 percent of students reported that they felt so depressed it was difficult to function. 21 percent reported that they seriously considered suicide one or more times during the past year.

But, depression was not the only mental illness reported as 18 percent reported anxiety, 17 percent reported problems in relationships (romantic and oth-

erwise), 19 percent reported a disturbed sleeping pattern and not surprisingly, almost 30 percent reported to be suffering from stress.

When we are depressed, stressed and stuck in a rut, our tendency to aimlessly do more of the same is the result of a pair of complementary changes in our neural circuitry. On the one hand, regions of the brain associated with executive decision-making and goal-directed behaviors shrivel, while the regions linked to habit formation flourish. My student was certainly part of the large population experiencing how the human brain, with its remarkable plasticity, "behaves" differently when we face (or perceive that we face) stressful threats.

I am not writing to explain the dynamics of these changes, but it's important and sufficient to

know that an inability to manage a stressful life can lead to a double whammy of neuroendocrine changes which can lead one to lose creativity and become stuck in a rut.

In fact, this is evidenced in that the response to stress can take on a self-replicating and, ultimately, self-defeating life of its own. That "rut" is where my student was spending her days and nights — and where many other students join her.

My student was not irresponsible, and she certainly was not lacking the intellectual prowess needed for a 200 level class. She was merely an example of those scary statistics.

All she needed was the assistance of a qualified mental health professional to help her adjust to the changes she was experiencing. I consider my colleagues at our counseling services to be heroes

of mine, and I knew how short-handed they are when I strongly advised my student to seek their help.

So, why am I writing? While college life can be a most uplifting experience for some, it is a hard life phase to navigate without competent help. We certainly do have competent help; I just hope we get more of it as we continue our efforts to recruit more students.

While I am pleased by the efforts on our campus to promote physical health (albeit still with a myopic focus on weight loss), I am concerned about the support committed to our campus mental health, especially for our increasing number of international students.

*Editor's Note: Mohey Mowafy is a professor in the HPER at Northern Michigan University.*

# Winter Games dangerous but enjoyable



## Staff Column

Drew Kochanny

Have you been as intrigued with the 2010 Winter Olympics as I have been? Or at least, as intrigued as one can be watching luge, cross country skiing and speedskating?

The recent death of Georgian luger Nodar Komaritashvili in a pre-Olympic practice at the Whistler Sliding Centre has left some wondering if the Olympics are becoming too dangerous. Are we watching the finest form of athletic competition or modern day gladiators putting themselves at risk?

It's hard to argue that the

Winter Olympics are not dangerous. Let me explain luge as my first example, since it is most likely the sport you've never even heard or seen of before last Thursday's tragic event. Anytime you lie on a 50-pound sled with nearly one mile of track made of ice and then send yourself down the track at speeds of up to 95 mph, it's hard to even think of disagreeing about safety measures.

The only thing more dangerous than singles luge would be placing two people on the sled, one on top of the other. Even scarier than one or two person luge is skeleton. Do I even have to explain what it is with a name like that? Basically, it's the same as singles luge, but instead of lying on your back, you are flipped over with your head bobbing inches from the ice.

If you can get through watching any of the luge events without cringing or holding your breath wondering if the competitors will make it through, the winter games offer up many other death-defying events. Downhill Alpine Skiing takes skiers down a 1,100 meter hill (3,608 feet) while hitting speeds of up to 75 mph. Some of the crashes speak of the dangers of the sport for themselves. Reining 2006 silver medalist Martina Schild of Switzerland and world downhill champion John Kucera of Canada were recently involved in horrifying accidents and disqualified from the 2010 games before they even began.

Making downhill skiing even more dangerous is easy. Add in the element of turning on a dime, or in this case a sheet of ice, and you've got Olympic event Super

G. A combination of downhill and slalom, Super G imposes the most risk of any ski event. It also delivers the most gruesome crashes.

Although luge and various forms of downhill skiing strike the most risk of the winter games, there is an abundant amount of others. Short track speedskaters wear 18 inch razor blades strapped to their feet while making precise turns just inches apart from one another.

One slip up and those blades turn into out-of-control butcher knives. Olympic short track racer JR Celski discovered this out during the Olympic trials here at Northern as a wipe out sent him to the hospital with a thigh cut to the bone.

Mogul skiers place a heavy toll on their bodies every run. Knees are sent slamming into

their chests as they crash into one mogul after another. Ski jumpers launch themselves 340 feet in the air and land delicately back on the ground. Cross country skiing and curling may be the Winter Games' lone safe sports.

Danger junkies need not worry. Biathlon, which combines cross country skiing with rifle target shooting, was introduced as an Olympic event for men in 1960 and women in 1992.

Although there have only been four deaths in the Winter Olympics since the first in 1964, including the most recent Georgian luger, the events seem to be an action and thrill seeker's retreat.

As athletes continue to become bigger, faster and stronger, and events more daring, one can only wonder what the future holds for the icy winter games.

## Sound Off

*How easy or hard do you think it will be to get a job in your field?*

*Compiled by Tiffany Paradine*



**Garrett Todd**  
Sophomore  
Undeclared

*"I'm undeclared, but in Michigan, it will be hard whatever I choose."*



**Katie Ohlson**  
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Graphic Communication

*"It won't be easy, but if you put yourself out there ... you can do anything."*



**Ray Heikkinen**  
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*"Horrible. With everything going digital, it will make it even more difficult."*



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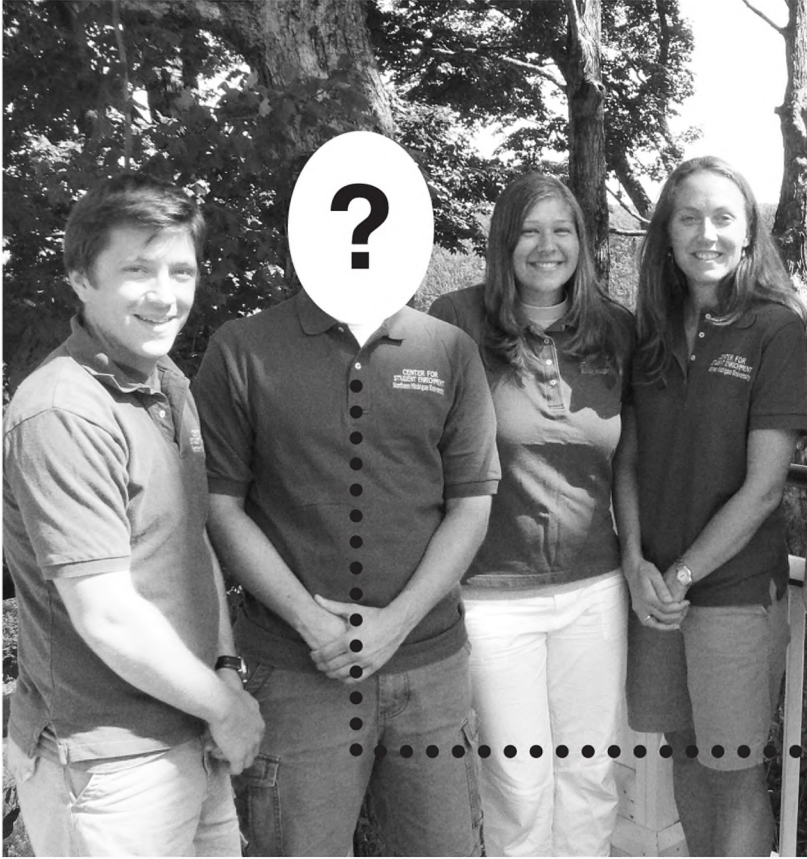
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## Quiz Bowl team offers knowledge, fun

By Adelle Whitefoot  
contributing writer

Amelia Shirtz gets nervous and excited at the same time. Her heart starts beating faster and faster waiting for the next question. Once the next question is read, she realizes she knows the answer but can't quite remember it. Until she realizes it and she buzzes in and gives her answer. She gets the question right and a sense of accomplishment, excitement and relief rushes over her.

"The funnest part about quiz bowl is testing your knowledge against other people," said Shirtz.

Shirtz is a physics and French major here at NMU and was in quiz bowl in high school.

"I loved it in high school and when my professor asked me to join here, I said yes," Shirtz said.

The main reason she involved with quiz bowl is she finds it a way to increase her knowledge on subjects she doesn't know much about.

The NMU Quiz Bowl team will be hosting a competition against faculty members Saturday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m. in the Whitman Commons as a way to raise money for the group. The quiz bowl members will compete against six faculty members: Mitchell Klett, Chet DeFonso, Andrew Poe, Lori Nelson, Harry Whitaker, and Mark Paulson. There will be two rounds of play with 20 toss-up questions per round, and each team that correctly answers a question gets a chance at a bonus question. The questions include a variety of subjects, from English to Supreme Court cases to medical terms.

Quiz bowl team advisor and modern languages and literatures professor Michael Joy, will read

the questions for the competition. Joy and former student Elizabeth Holly met last school year and realized that they both had an interest in starting a quiz bowl team at NMU. Ever since, Joy has been committed to the team. Joy is only active to a certain degree. He helps with one of the two practices that are held every week by reading questions to students and organizing trips to competitions.

"This is our first year in existence, and we're just trying new things this year to see what works," Joy said. "With this competition, we're hoping it will give people an opportunity to see the new team, see how fun quiz bowl and give us a little exposure to gain new members."

The NMU Quiz Bowl team has been to one tournament since the team started last year at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. this past November and they won one game out of 12.

"This tournament was a way to get the team out there and competing with well-established teams in the Midwest," said Joy. "I think next year the team will do a lot better once we get established better and do more competitions."

Ryan Haskell, president of NMU Quiz Bowl, was one of the students that went to the tournament in Minnesota and was designated as the captain. He was vice president last year but took over the president position this year after last year's president graduated. Haskell will also be participating in Saturday's competition against the faculty members.

"I did quiz bowl in high school and liked it a lot," said Haskell. "It expands your knowledge, and if you've forgotten something it can refresh your memory."

The team prepares for compe-



Paul Goodrich/NW

titions by having practices twice a week. At the practice one person reads through a list of a certain subject whether it be common French terms that they have to translate to English or a list of books that they need to know the authors of, they have to know specific things. They read through the lists until it's drilled into their heads, said Haskell.

The competition is serving as a fundraiser for the team to raise money for other tournaments. There will be a raffle that anyone

can buy a ticket for and they will be raffling of prizes at the competition. Among the items that are included in the raffle is an NMU sweatshirt.

Not only is this competition a way to raise money, but it is also a way to attract students to the team. As of right now there are eight students that regularly show up to the practices.

"I encourage everyone to come out and watch the match," Joy said. "Hopefully by doing so they will see how much fun quiz bowl

can be and will want to join the team."

If students are interested in joining quiz bowl, they can go to practices on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m. in room 311 of the Learning Resource Center. You can also contact the advisor at [mjoy@nmu.edu](mailto:mjoy@nmu.edu) or the president at [rhaskell@nmu.edu](mailto:rhaskell@nmu.edu).

"We are always looking for new members and there is no need for previous experience because we are always willing to train," Joy said.



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Top: Professor Joy asks questions while Sophomore and club president Ryan Haskell and sophomore Biology major Jake Keck think for answers.

Bottom: From left to right: Professor Joy, Jessica Frankowski, Stacy Milbourn, Amelia Shirtz and Andrea Wasek listen intently with their hands on the buzzer waiting for the correct answer to pop into their head.



## SHORT TRACK

This event is an aspect of speedskating that takes place on a 111.12 meter oval track within a hockey rink. Keeping control while rounding the tight corners is a difficult task. To combat serious injuries, a boardless padding system has replaced the previous board system.

Instead of competing against the clock, short track speedskaters compete against each other. The event will consist of competitions against four or six athletes.

## CROSS COUNTRY

There are two techniques used in cross-country skiing. One is called the classic technique, where a machine has made marks in the snow and the skis are parallel to each other while moving through said tracks. There is also the free technique. This consists of a technique where skiers move themselves in a way that is reminiscent of speedskating. Shorter skis are typically used, which are also faster.

## BIATHLON

Metal targets 50 meters away are the targets skiers must hit with a .22-caliber rifle after they reach the shooting range. Each metal target contains are fixed in a row and contains five plates, which must be hit by the skier. There are two positions the athlete may be standing in. These affect the size of the hit area. If the skier is shooting in a prone position the size he or she must hit is around that of a golf ball. If the skier is a standing position, it's around the size of a grapefruit.

## NORDIC COMBINED

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## FIGURE SKATING

Each skating performance is measured by a panel of nine judges who use a scoring a system to judge the quality of each performance. Prior to an event, a draw is done to determine which judges' scores will be used for the result of each of figure skating's four segments. Two of the nine scores will be discarded, while the other seven will be used.

For every performance the judges will give a grade of execution (GOE) to everything performed. The person or team with the highest total of technical and program component scores is the winner

## SNOWBOARD

The half-pipe allows snowboarders to perform a series of jumps, twists and tricks in an acrobatic style. The height achieved and the style of their tricks are the basis for the judging. The parallel giant slalom pits two snowboarders head-to-head as they move down a course, turning through a series of gates. The person who wins that round will advance to the next. The top athletes will compete in a total of nine runs. Snowboard cross pits four racers against each other over rolling ground and jumps ramps.

## ALPINE SKIING

Those participating in the alpine skiing competition can reach speeds of more than 80 mph. They travel down a vertical drop that ranges from 180 to 1,100 meters for men, while women experience a vertical drop ranging from 140 to 800 meters. This event adds another level of difficulty since skiers must pass through a series of gates. If a gate is missed, the skier must go back and pass through or face disqualification.

## LUGE

Luge participants start their competition by sitting on sleds made of glass. They rush out of the start. Athletes use spiked gloves to accelerate a sitting position before lying on their back for the remainder of the run. They put their feet out in front of them and keep their head down in order to be more aerodynamic. They steer their sled using their legs and shoulders. They slow down by sitting up on their sled and putting their feet down.

Four runs are held over two days with the person having the lowest time being declared the winner. The same track is used by both men and women but women and doubles begin further down the track. This event is designed to reward consistency, endurance and ability to withstand pressure. Events are timed to the thousandth of a second.

## FREESTYLE SKIING

Three Olympic events for freestyle skiing will be held for both men and women. Freestyle skiing tricks include the twister, spread-eagle, iron cross and the helicopter, which is an upright 360-degree spin.

## SPEED SKATING

Most known to NMU students, this event takes place on a 400 meter oval ice rink. The event is timed to the one-hundredth of a second and athletes compete in pairs while skating counter-clockwise around the rink and changing lanes once per lap.

## SKI JUMPING

The skier will launch him or herself down a long, extended ramp, which is called the in-run. An athlete will then launch himself into the air at speeds of up to 95 kilometers per hour. The technique implemented in this event is very important as athletes must give an accurate and perfectly timed take-off. Jumpers then make a V-shape with their skis while waiting for the landing. Competitors in this category are judged based on their distance and style.

Editor's note: Information provided herein has been lifted and in some cases modified from the 2010 Vancouver Olympics Web site.



# RESULTS

## Alpine skiing

### Men's Downhill

Gold- Switzerland- Didier Defago  
 Silver- Norway- Lund Aksel Svindal  
 Bronze -United States- Bode Miller

### Women's Downhill

Gold-United States- Lindsey Vonn  
 Silver-United States- Julia Mancuso  
 Bronze-Austria- Elisabeth Goergl

## Freestyle Skiing

### Ladies Moguls Skiing

Gold- United States- Hannah Kearney  
 Silver- Canada- Jennifer Heil  
 Bronze-United States- Shannon Bahrke

### Men's Moguls Finals

Gold- Canada Alexandre Bilodeau  
 Silver- Australia- Dale Begg-Smith  
 Bronze- United States- Bryon Wilson

## Luge

### Men's Singles Run

Gold- Germany- Felix Loch  
 Silver- Germany- David Moeller  
 Bronze- Italy- Armin Zoeggler

### Women's Singles Run

Gold- Germany- Tatjana Huefner  
 Silver- Austria- Nina Reithmayer  
 Bronze- Germany- Natalie Geisenberger

## Nordic Combined

### Individual NH/10 km

Gold- France- Jason Lamy Chappuis  
 Silver- United States- Johnny Spillane  
 Bronze- Italy- Alessandro Pittin

## Biathlon

### Women's 7.5 km sprint

Gold- Slovakia - Anastazia Kuzmina  
 Silver – Germany - Magdalena Neuner  
 Bronze – France- Marie Dorin

### Men's 10 km Sprint

Gold- France- Vincent Jay  
 Silver- Norway- Heggelund Emil  
 Bronze- Croatia- Jakov Fak

### Women's 10km Pursuit

Gold- Germany- Magdalena Neuner  
 Silver- Slovakia- Anastazia Kuzmina  
 Bronze- France- Marie Laure Brunet

### Men's 12.5 km pursuit

Gold- Sweden- Bjorn Ferry  
 Silver- Austria- Christoph Sumann  
 Bronze- France- Vincent Jay

## Ski Jumping

Gold- Switzerland- Simon Ammann  
 Silver- Poland- Adam Malysz  
 Bronze- Austria- Gregor Schlierenzauer

## Speedskating

### Men's 5000 m

Gold- Netherlands- Sven Kramer  
 Silver- Korea- Seung-Hoon Lee  
 Bronze- Russian Federation- Ivan Skobrev

### Ladies' 3000 m

Gold- Czech Republic, Martina Sablikova  
 Silver- Germany- Stephanie Beckert  
 Bronze- Canada, Kristina Groves

### Men's 500 m

Gold- Korea- Tae-Burn Mo  
 Silver- Japan- Keiichiro Nagashima  
 Bronze- Japan- Joji Kato

### Ladies' 500 m

Gold- Korea- Sang-Hwa Lee  
 Silver- Germany- Jenny Wolf  
 Bronze- China- Beixing Wang

## Snowboard

### Ladies' Snowboard

Gold- Canada- Maelle Ricker  
 Silver- France- Deborah Anthonioz  
 Bronze- Switzerland- Olivia Nobs

### Men's Snowboard

Gold- United States- Seth Wescott  
 Silver- Canada- Mike Robertson  
 Bronze- France- Tony Ramoin

## Figure Skating

Gold- China- Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao  
 Silver- China- Qing Pang and Jian Tong  
 Bronze- Germany- Aliona Savchenko and

## Cross Country

### Ladies' 10km Free

Gold- Sweden- Charlotte Kalla  
 Silver- Estonia- Kristina Smigun-Vachi  
 Bronze- Norway- Marit Bjoergen

### Men's 15 km Free

Gold- Switzerland- Dario Cologna  
 Silver- Italy- Pietro Piller Cottler  
 Bronze- Czech Republic- Luka Bauer

## Short Track

### Men's 1500 m

Gold- Korea- Jung-Su Lee  
 Silver- United States- Apolo Ohno  
 Bronze- United States- J. R. Celski

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# 'Wolfman' yields a weak, tired howl



Film: The Wolfman  
 Director: Joe Johnston  
 Producers: Scott Stuber, Rick Yorn  
 Writers: Andrew Kevin Walker, David Self  
 Starring: Benecio Del Toro, Anthony Hopkins  
 Runtime: 125 minutes  
 Rating: R

sound like an idiot. Hopkins is a respected actor and his ability to rant passages is very impressive, but he feels out of place in this film. Hopkins has already played one of the best villains of all time with Hannibal Lector, and this time he plays a boring villain that lacks any type of personality. Emily Blunt easily has the best performance in this movie, but her character is hardly used. The attempt to make her the love interest for Del Toro's character fails miserably, and that makes Blunt's performance look worse than it truly is.

The plot is completely irrelevant throughout the entire film. Every scene seems like the actors were trying to get paid and get off the set. While you could blame the actors for doing a horrible job, it would be impossible to make the script sound halfway decent. From the love story to some of the weakest villains of all time, a large majority of this movie is a letdown. The pacing of this movie is also way too fast and there is no sense of suspense the entire time.

The score by Danny Elfman is the best part of this film. He is easily one of the most talented composers in the industry right now, and this film shows that talent off. The cinematography by Shelley Johnson is not that bad, but it showed a lot of missed potential. The massive scenes

of London are awesome and the dark creepy town looks amazing. Everything appears fine until they decide to incorporate the worst use of time changing shots I have seen in a large budget movie. The special effects are very good, and every action scene looked very realistic. I did on the other hand have a problem with the "Wolfman" makeup. The last fight scene looks like two teen wolves fighting each other and I couldn't help but wish one of them had a basketball.

Johnston has made some decent films like "October Sky" and "Jumanji," but those are amazing compared to "Wolfman." For a film that cost \$85 million to make, it contains a lot

of just plain bad sequences. Every scene flies by way too fast, and there are not enough action scenes. I do give him credit for not completely using the original 1941 film's story, but that just means he ruins his own film and not someone else's.

While I know deep inside that this movie is a horrible remake, it has its entertaining moments. The scenes of extreme violence are worth a good chuckle, but don't expect anything intelligent from this film.

This movie is nothing more than a rental and if you really want to watch a good werewolf movie try 1981's "An American Werewolf in London," or 2002's "Dog Soldiers."



By Brett Hilbrandt  
 staff writer

The amount of horror film remakes is reaching a ridiculous level. Some remakes like "The Hills Have Eyes" have done the original films justice, but then remakes like "Friday the 13th" and "Prom Night" ruin the original films' formulas. "The Wolfman" is not nearly as bad as some remakes, but it certainly misses the original film's creativity.

Lawrence Talbot (Del Toro) is a famous traveling stage actor who returns home in the country after his brother goes miss-

ing. His father, Sir John Talbot (Hopkins), informs him upon his arrival that his brother is dead and was most likely killed by a wild animal. Lawrence begins to search for the animal and is attacked very quickly by the mysterious beast. He soon begins to notice his body is changing. When there is a full moon Lawrence transforms into a werewolf and the villagers attempt to capture him.

I am a big Del Toro fan, but his performance is horrible in "Wolfman." When you see him in movies like "The Usual Suspects," and "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas," it's hard to believe he could be this underwhelming. Every line he had was extremely short and the script made him



Photos courtesy of Yahoo!

Gwen Conliffe (Blunt) hides as her lover-cum-werewolf stalks her in the night searching for either a kiss or a chunk of her flesh.

# Spoon doesn't live up to prior albums



Album: Transference  
 Artist: Spoon  
 Label: Merge Records  
 Tracks: 11  
 Release: Jan. 19, 2010

sentimentalism, a pinch of The Cold War Kids' very rock (almost screeching) vocals and a dash of the controversial auto-tune that newer bands like Vampire Weekend adore. They experiment with new instruments and electronics. If it weren't for the distinguishable vocals and guitar style of Britt Daniels, they would sound like a completely different band on most tracks.

Don't get me wrong, I don't feel like bands should stick to the mold they are cast into. But the problem on Transference is that the band gets rid of their most appealing attributes. On their prior albums, they hook you right away with a stimulating classic indie tune, like "The Beast and Dragon, Adored" on Gimme Fiction. On Transference, they begin with "Before Destructive," a thoughtful, brooding tune which immediately takes the average Spoon junkie off guard. It begins with a slow, drum-driven, almost industrial sound. The organ holds a looming presence in the background, adding to the sinister feeling of the track. The lyrics "everyone loves you for your black eye" repeat as the song tells a tale of a man's heart be-

fore it's broken. Next is "Is Love Forever?" It's a cheerful song with short, staccato background music and lyrics. This is the first song on the album that starts the trend of abruptly ending without warning. It leads directly into the good tune "Mystery Zone," a classic example of Spoon, frantic and danceable. The track tells the story of (and makes you feel) the exciting first part of a relationship. Next is "Who Makes Your Money," which is the most annoying song on the album. While auto-tune and synthesizers may sound intriguing when used correctly, this song seems to throw them in simply for the "cool factor," tossing them in whenever they can.

The album isn't all sketchy, though. The track "Got Nuffin" and the first single off the album "Written in Reverse" are both stand-out tracks. "Nuffin" is reminiscent of another Spoon hit, "Don't You Evah," where Daniels coos the catchy lyrics "I got nothing to lose but darkness and shadows." When approaching this album, "Reverse" should have been how they molded all their tracks. It's different yet doesn't lack the essential aspects

of the band. Strong piano notes are banged in the background as unrequited love is portrayed through hostile vocals and guitar strings. "Out Goes the Lights" is another good one, with a beautiful electric guitar strum leading the way and the light clinking of symbols in the background. Overall the album seems like sort of a jumble, some old mixed with some new, the new tracks being mostly misses.

In Pitchfork's review of the album, it's pointed out that the word transference refers to "the Freudian concept of unconsciously projecting feelings for one person or thing to another." The album goes well with the title, telling a love story from beginning to end. Each song is meticulously placed where it should be, sort of like a concept album. "Before Destruction" is the beginning, with "Written in Reverse" being the glimpse into the future and "Nobody Gets Me but You" signifying the end. It may not be Spoon's best musically, but it accurately portrays their studio genius. While this creative endeavor is extremely impressive, I would still trade it in for some classic Spoon any day.



By Sarah O'Neill  
 staff writer

Embarrassingly enough, the first time I heard the band Spoon was on the soundtrack to the first season of "The O.C." The album featured the song "That's The Way We Get By" off the band's fourth album Kill the Moonlight. It referenced getting high in backseats of cars and breaking into mobile homes while an outrageously catchy rock/pop beat carried on in the background. Thus began my love affair with indie-rock, and Spoon followed suit by releasing two of my favorite albums of all time: Gimme

Fiction in 2005 and Ga Ga Ga Ga in 2007. They had this way of keeping with the times, evolving their sound and lyrics to whatever was most hip without selling out. The style created out of this music savvy has been referred to as "spoon-iness" among the music world. "Spoon-iness" is all about confidence, allure and stylishness while still being danceable.

But as seasons change and people grow, most bands feel they have to evolve. In their latest album, Transference, Spoon decided to take their signature style and nearly wipe it out completely. What they give is an attempt to make their music more gritty and unbalanced by adding in musical techniques already claimed by other bands. Transference displays a little bit of Death Cab's



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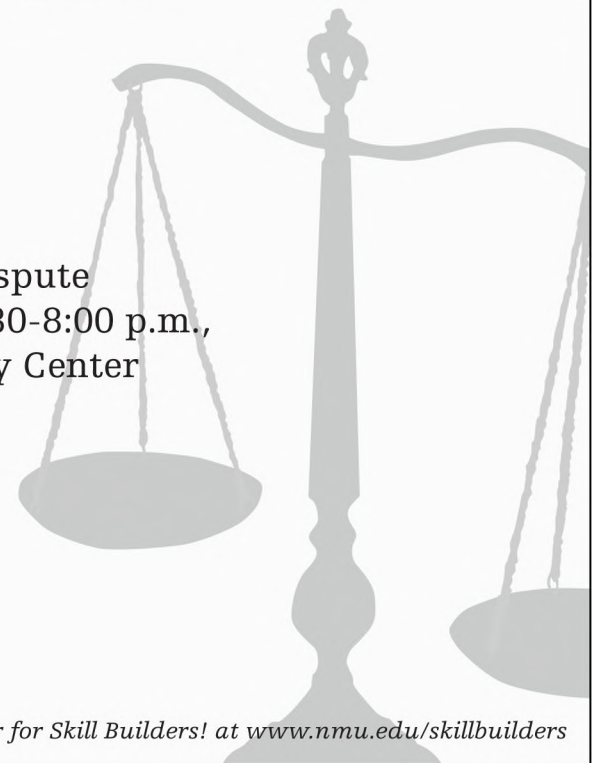
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NMU freshman George Cartwright (No. 64) skates to establish a position in the lead pack early in Sunday's 20K freestyle race. Cartwright finished in seventh place overall.

# Underclassmen shine at CCSA meet

By Trevor Pellerite  
sports editor

Even with the Winter Olympics starting last week, the cross country skiers of the NMU Wildcats made sure they got their recognition on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 13-14, when the 'Cats turned in dominant performances at the Central Collegiate Skiing Association (CCSA) conference meet.

The women's squad took first place overall, finishing four points ahead of Alaska-Fairbanks, while the men were second overall, coming in five points behind champions Michigan Tech.

Head coach Sten Fjeldheim felt good about the showing his team put out.

"We're happy with our performances. It was a good weekend," he said. The Wildcat underclassmen performed especially well, something Fjeldheim was pleased about. "It looks really good for the future. I'm impressed with some of our young skiers, and with the whole team, actually. We're kind of heading in the right direction."

In Saturday's 5K classic race, the women were led by junior captain Christina Gillis. Gillis took second place, just six seconds away from the winner, Aurelia Korthauer of UAF. Following close behind were senior Laura DeWitt and sophomore Marie-Helen Soderman, in fourth and fifth, respectively.

"Our team as a whole is skiing awesome this year, we have a lot of depth," Gillis said. "It's been a really, really fun year, and a lot of awesome competitors are on our team."

The women followed up in similar fashion in Sunday's 15K

freestyle race, with Gillis again finishing in the top three. She wasn't NMU's top performer, however. Freshman Monica Markvardson stepped up to take second place, a finish that surprised even Fjeldheim.

"That was kind of an incredible race for her, and a little bit of a breakthrough for her, because even though she was junior national champion last year, it's a big step, even from being junior national champion to being competitive in the NCAA," Fjeldheim said. "She showed a lot of poise and determination, because she had a little crash early on in her race, but she worked her way back up to the front and finished strong."

DeWitt did not race on Sunday due to illness.

On the men's side, the NMU underclassmen stole the show. Freshman George Cartwright, redshirt freshman Chris Bowler and sophomore Kevin Cutts oc-

**It looks really good for the future. I'm impressed with some of our young skiers. We're heading in the right direction.**

— Sten Fjeldheim  
Nordic skiing head coach

cupied all three scoring spots for the Wildcats on both days. Cartwright led Saturday's race for the 'Cats, taking second place, while Cutts paved the way on Sunday

with a third place finish.

"We have a pretty young men's team. Really young skiers in the front. It looks good for the future," Fjeldheim said.

Cartwright has been a standout for the Wildcats all year, something that his coach is very excited about.

"George is a diamond in the rough. I liked his attitude when I first met him, and he's got just incredible work ethic," Fjeldheim said. "He has a very strong desire to be good. It's impressive, he did really well. I'm happy with both his races. He's got some great upperclassmen leading him."

Next weekend, the team will travel to Houghton for the NCAA Regional competition. Qualifica-

tion for the national meet is dependent on a cup-style system which uses results from several meets throughout the season.

Eight women and nine men can go from NMU's region, and each school is limited to sending three athletes. Several Wildcats have all but locked national qualifier spots, like Gillis, DeWitt and Cartwright.

The last spots in the region, however, are still being contested and several NMU athletes are on the bubble.

Bowler is one of those athletes who will need a strong performance at the upcoming meet to put him into mix. He said he isn't dwelling on what-ifs, however.

"I just want solid races that I feel like I can't do any better than, and just get as well as I can," he said.

Gillis has some goals in mind that will help her out at the national meet.

"I'm just looking to have a couple good races, get my confidence up for nationals, going out a little conservative, because that's something we'll have to do at high altitude in Colorado," Gillis said. The national competition will be held in Steamboat Springs, Colo.

The 'Cats are largely done with the conditioning portions of their season, and are now preparing to be well rested for the regional and national meets.

"We're just going to sharpen up on a few technical things. Like all sports, there's a few technical things you can do a little bit better as far as each individual's technique," Fjeldheim said. "We're going to try to do our best to stay healthy and train well, and just sharpen up on some of the small little individual things that some of the athletes need to do."



Trevor Pellerite/NW

Wildcat sophomore Marie-Helen Soderman battles St. Scholastica's Eleanor Magnuson around a turn in Sunday's freestyle conference race. Soderman placed ninth overall and finished less than two seconds behind Magnuson.



# Wildcats take two games from WMU

By Trevor Pellerite  
sports editor

A win is a win, no matter what the score is. That was the lesson the NMU hockey team taught their fans this weekend, as they completed a sweep of the Western Michigan University Broncos with a 7-2 victory on Friday, Feb. 12 and a 2-1 nail-biter the following night.

The wins bring the Wildcats to 14-10-8 overall, 10-8-6-3 in Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) play.

Friday's blowout came courtesy of a four-point outburst from Wildcat junior Mark Olver, who brought his season point total up to 38.

"He had a big weekend in general. That's a good thing to see coming down the stretch," said

head coach Walt Kyle. "It's important that your best players are getting into the peak of their game coming down the stretch."

Olver said that at this point in the year, the Wildcat offense pretty much has things figured out.

"This time in the year, we do have things kind of figured out. We know what we need to do to win games," he said. Olver capped off his weekend by adding an assist on Saturday night.

Sophomore Andrew Cherniwchan chipped in two more goals and an assist, and senior goaltender Brian Stewart sealed the win for the 'Cats, stopping 17 shots on the night.

Despite the lopsided score, the Broncos actually led 2-1 in the first period. One of their goals came off a careless turnover in the NMU zone, and Kyle said it was very important that the Wildcats

were able to bounce right back.

"That was huge, we scored the very next shift," Kyle said, explaining that he calls shifts immediately after goals 'follow up shifts.' "Those are critical shifts, we were able to end any momentum that they might have gained."

The second period yielded four goals for the 'Cats, and the win was all but in the bag.

The Broncos appeared to have made the necessary adjustments on Saturday, as they got and held a 1-0 lead until nearly the midway point of the game. Kyle felt there were a number of differences from the night before.

"On Saturday night, it was a much more equal game when it comes to possession time," Kyle said. "Their goaltending was very good, and we shot a number of pucks wide or high."

One of the biggest differences in the game was the improved play of WMU goaltender Riley Gill. Following up on a Friday performance in which he got pulled after two periods, Gill stoned the 'Cats on chance after chance on Saturday. This led to another problem plaguing the Wildcats, which was shot accuracy. They sent pucks flying over and wide of the goal. Kyle believed that was a product of Gill's lights out play.

"Often times, when goalkeepers play very well, guys start to think, 'I've got to pick the corners a little finer, I got to be a little bit tighter with my shots,'" Kyle said.

Olver thought that puck luck had plenty to do with the situation as well.

"Some nights they go in, some nights they don't. Saturday we weren't even hitting the net, so they couldn't go in," he said.

Senior Ray Kaunisto finally broke the silence for the 'Cats, taking a pass from Greger Hanson in the high slot and blasting it past Gill to tie the game up at one goal apiece.

The teams looked bound for overtime as they entered the last minute still tied, but things took a sudden turn in NMU's favor. A cross-checking penalty with 16 seconds left in the game opened the door for the Wildcats, and they wasted no time in stepping right through.

After Jared Brown won the faceoff, Olver took a shot from the blue line that Kaunisto deflected into the top corner of the net. The 11 seconds remaining on the clock weren't enough for the Broncos to mount a comeback, and the 'Cats skated out of the Berry with another conference sweep.

"I just wanted to go in front and get a screen. Maybe if there was a rebound or anything, I could knock it in," Kaunisto said. "Mark's shot came right at me,

and I thought if I got a tip on it, it might go in or we might get a scramble. It ended up going in."

Kyle felt that the best aspect of his team's win was their persistence and discipline despite getting denied on so many scoring opportunities.

"We'd been controlling the play, we'd been out chancing them, and not having any success. A lot of times, that will lead to a lot of frustration," Kyle said, noting that the 'Cats kept their poise and eventually it paid off. "That's a real important mentality to have when you get into playoffs."

The Wildcats, who are currently tied for fifth in the CCHA with Alaska-Fairbanks, will travel this weekend to Ann Arbor to take on the Michigan Wolverines (17-15-1 overall, 12-11-1 CCHA).

Although the Wolverines were swept by the Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks last weekend, Kyle knows not to underestimate their play.

"When I watch them on tape, they're really, really good," said Kyle. "They've had some ups and downs like a lot of teams have had, but when they're on their game, they're as good as anyone in the country. We will have our hands full."

The trip won't be Kaunisto's first to Ann Arbor, and he knows what to expect.

"Michigan's always a fast team, they always have a lot of fit players. We just have to make sure that we don't give them too much offense, and we should be fine," he said.

If the 'Cats win their last four games, they could finish in the top four in the league standings and procure a first-round bye in the CCHA playoffs.

After the series with the Wolverines, the Wildcats will return home to take on the Lake Superior State University Lakers (15-12-5 overall, 10-11-3-2 CCHA).



Yin Tang/NW

Junior Mark Olver handles the puck past a Bronco defender. Olver tallied five points on the weekend, and now sits tied for 12th in the nation in total points with 38 on the season. He is averaging just over 1.2 points per game.

## NMU track team tunes times in Duluth

By Michael Levy  
sports brief

The Northern Michigan women's track and field team picked up right where they left off last week. The Wildcats competed at the Lake Superior Challenge in Duluth, Minn.

The 'Cats are no strangers to this meet, as they have dominated in years past. Last weekend they set five records for the history of the meet: the 55-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 55-meter hurdles, 4x400 relay and the pentathlon.

NMU head coach Tom Barnes once again was very pleased with his team's performance.

"We have realized that we are in good condition right now in the season as far as sprints,

jumps and throws," said Barnes whose squad is ranked fifth in this week's Midwest rankings.

In the 55-meter dash the 'Cats took one and two. Sophomore Catherine Angeli clocked in first with a time of 7.45 seconds while junior Brittnee Balbierz finished with a 7.57 seconds.

Angeli and Balbierz also brought home a first and second in the 200-meter. Angeli broke another school record with a time of 25.86 seconds. Balbierz crossed the line in 26.70.

Coach Barnes is very pleased with the pair's progression this season.

"They both race against each other in a few different races" Barnes said. "They are good competitors and have had great performances."

Freshmen Becky Rotter placed second in the 300-meter dash with a time of 43.53.

The 'Cats dominated the 5000-meter run as a trio of freshmen (Oliva Juntala in 19:14.26, Rita Woitas in 20:08.19 and Brittany Loomis in 21:08.65) brought home spots one through three.

NMU has 16 freshmen on this season's squad, and so far Barnes is overwhelmed with their performances.

"They are doing great," said Barnes. "We are a very young team and the upperclassmen have been great leaders. It really has been a team effort."

The 4x400-meter relay team of Angeli, Erin VanEnkevort, Rachel Williams and Megan Hendershot dominated the field

finishing in first place with a time of 4:04.31.

Sophomore Bailey Franklin took first in the 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.63.

In the field events, Franklin won the triple jump with a leap of 36 feet 6 inches.

Senior Karin Diebold won the pole vault with a height of 10 feet 5 inches.

Freshman Brooke Granquist earned a first place spot in the long jump with a mark of 16 feet 6.5 inches.

Senior Krista Squiers brought home yet another first place finish in the weight throw. Squiers won with a toss of 16.96 meters. She has taken home first place in each meet so far this season.

"Krista had some good throws" said Barnes. "She is

ranked fifth in the GLIAC right now so next week at the GLIAC meet will be huge."

In Friday night's pentathlon NMU only entered one member, Granquist, who won the evening event by scoring 2,872 points. She finished first in 800-meter run and the high jump.

The team has this week off in preparation for next weekend's GLIAC Indoor Championships hosted by Grand Valley State. A week off right now is good for the 'Cats Barnes said.

"This is a great time for a break. We have traveled two weekends in a row, and the rest really helps," said Barnes.

Next weekend's meet is a two day event which begins on Feb. 26 with the start of the pentathlon, and concludes the next day.



# Men's basketball splits home stand

By Drew Kochanny  
assistant sports editor

For the second time this season the NMU men's basketball team put on a show against the No. 1 team in the GLIAC, beating Grand Valley State at home 83-80.

NMU (7-11 GLIAC, 10-12 overall), who previously beat Grand Valley (13-5 GLIAC, 17-6) 61-58 in Allendale Jan. 30, dropped its Saturday, Feb. 13 match-up against Ferris State (12-6 GLIAC, 14-9) 76-90.

Head coach, Dean Ellis, knows that after beating one of the top teams in the league such as the Lakers, it can bring on confidence in other games such as this weekends.

"Beating one of the top teams certainly helps," Ellis said. "But we're not feeling too good about the way we played against Ferris State."

Against Grand Valley, NMU shot 50 percent from the floor and 58 percent from beyond the 3-point line, knocking down 10 of 17 3-pointers. A major factor contributing to the team's success was that of senior guard Marc Renelique's 33 points, including six threes. Senior guard Chris Warner added support everywhere bringing in 10 points to go along with five rebounds, two assists and three steals on the night.

"Grand Valley was a huge win

for us after not beating them for so long. To beat them twice is a huge accomplishment," Warner said. "We just wish we could have taken that momentum into the [Ferris State] game."

NMU was unable to come back from a 20-point lead the Bulldogs placed on the home team five minutes into the second half.

Renelique added 26 points and once again hit six 3-pointers. Sophomore guard Raymont McElroy brought in 20 points as well as five rebounds and three assists.

Ferris State All-Conference forward Justin Keenan was the main focus of the night for NMU inside but because of it, the perimeter was left open as the Bulldogs hit 10 3-pointers in the game.

"Kind of a double edged sword," Warner said, referring to stopping Keenan. "You try to take one thing away and the other was left open."

For his efforts in the two games, NMU's Renelique was named the GLIAC North Player of the Week. It was the third time this season the senior scored more than 30 points in a game. Renelique felt honored for the recognition.

"It feels good, especially since we beat Grand Valley," he said. "I'm really focused right now. It's my last crack at it. I don't get to say 'maybe next year,' this is

it."

Over the weekend, he averaged 29.5 points, shooting 61 percent from the floor and 75 percent from 3-point range. The senior leads the conference with 63 3-point shots made.

"He's just been phenomenal," Ellis said. "His shot selection has been great. He's been doing a lot of great things lately."

This weekend, NMU heads on the road to take on the top ranked teams in the GLIAC South division in Hillsdale (10-8 GLIAC, 10-12) Thursday and Findlay (13-5 GLIAC, 17-6) Saturday.

"They're two of the best teams in the league right now. Hillsdale is a fantastic perimeter shooting team," Ellis said. "We really have to guard the perimeter this weekend."

Hillsdale takes the honors as the No.1 3-point shooting team in the GLIAC, hitting an average of 7.8 threes a game.

"That's going to be our main concentration," Warner said. "We want to make them do things they're not comfortable doing."

With four games to go in the regular season conference play NMU will be back in Marquette the weekend of Thursday, Feb. 25 for senior day weekend.

Thursday's game against Hillsdale tips off at 8 p.m. in Hillsdale, Mich. Saturday's game is set for 3 p.m. in Findlay, Ohio. Saturday's game time is set for 3 p.m.



Yin Tang/NW

Senior guard Marc Renelique was named the GLIAC North division Player of the Week following his performances versus Grand Valley and Ferris State.

# Women to take on GLIAC South's best

By John Becker  
staff writer

The struggle for second in the GLIAC North continues as the NMU women's basketball team split their games last week. This week, the team heads south to take on the best the GLIAC South Division has to offer.

The Wildcats (17-6 overall, 14-4 GLIAC) were defeated by Grand Valley State University (GVSU) (17-6 overall, 14-4 GLIAC) on Thursday Feb. 11, 66-69. The 'Cats were up by 9 at the end of the first half, but didn't score for the first two minutes, allowing GVSU to tie it up, a tie which went on until the last few seconds. Senior center Mariah Dunham was 12 of 13 from the free-throw line and led the team with 20 points, followed by sophomore guard Elicia Derusha with 12. Dunham and Derusha led with 7 and 6 rebounds respectively.

NMU head coach Troy Mattson said the team didn't come out after halftime and execute on offense, which allowed GVSU to turn defensive rebounds into offensive opportunities.

"They were able to turn us into transition defense which we didn't handle very well and broke down in the first few minutes of the second half," Mattson said.

Transitional defense occurs when a team is on offense and then fails to score or get the offensive rebound.

On Saturday, Feb. 13, the 'Cats had a 73-69 victory against Ferris State University (6-17 overall, 5-13 GLIAC). Junior guard Stefani Stoeger led with 17 points followed by senior guard Holly Cole with 15, who went 5-10 from beyond the arc.

Mattson said the team started slow, but came back and played better after the rut at the beginning.

"We made our free throws at the end of the game and took care of the basketball to secure the win," he said.

GVSU was also defeated by Michigan Tech, keeping the battle for No. 2 alive in the GLIAC North. Mattson said the team isn't focusing on GVSU anymore; they're focusing on the next opponent.

The 'Cats will head to Hillsdale, Mich. to take on the Chargers of Hillsdale College (11-11 overall, 11-7 GLIAC) on Thursday, Feb. 18. The Chargers are No. 2 in the GLIAC South.

Mattson said the Wildcats will need to play hard for a complete game if they want to beat Hillsdale.

"We need to go in and be very

fundamental, very sound about what we're doing on both ends of the court," Mattson said.

On Saturday, Feb. 20, the Wildcats will take on the Findlay University Oilers (17-6 overall, 12-6 GLIAC), who currently sit atop the GLIAC South, in Findlay, Ohio. The Oilers were able to slip by the 'Cats in OT, 83-80, on Jan. 14.

Mattson said he's not looking to the past; instead he wants to make sure the team is focusing on the games at hand.

"We're going to need to play better for 40 minutes going on the road here. We haven't put together a complete game in a couple of games, and it cost us the one game and kept the other game close," Mattson said.

Dunham said the team recognizes these few final regular season games as must-win games.

"We have two tough games on the road, and we need to make sure we're playing our best basketball right now so that we have the best chance to win," Dunham said.

The Wildcats will return home the following week to finish out the regular season with two GLIAC North division games against Saginaw Valley State University and Lake Superior State University.



Justin Key/NW

Junior guard Stephanie Stoeger carries the ball for NMU. Stoeger led the Wildcats with 17 points against Ferris State last Saturday.



# Dunham finds new home as Wildcat

By John Becker  
staff writer

Senior center Mariah Dunham continues to have the highest scoring average, 12.2 points per game (PPG), despite having only played 19 of 23 games this season and fighting through constant back

pain. Still, the D1-caliber player did not always aspire to be a Wildcat and almost didn't play college basketball altogether.

Dunham hails from Watertown, Wisc. a town she described as similar to Marquette in size and feel. As the youngest of five children, Dunham said she got the brunt of

the siblings' antics, which made her tougher.

Dunham's interest in sports came early in life, she said, because being outside was a common activity for her family and neighborhood.

"I was really close to my neighbors, and we always played sports outside," Dunham said.

Dunham attended Watertown High School and lettered in basketball, volleyball, soccer and softball. She was player of the year in basketball every year as well. Not only did Dunham play multiple sports in high school, she also played with traveling teams and in a girls basketball with the Amateur Athletic Union.

Towards the end of high school, Dunham said she had received many letters from different schools about both volleyball and basketball, but in the end she was more serious about basketball.

Dunham went on to letter twice at UW-Madison for the Badgers before being dismissed by head coach Lisa Stone for an off-the-court incident.

Even though her season ended abruptly, Dunham still managed to be the second-leading scorer for the Badgers, averaging 9.2 PPG. Dunham said she even tried going to the athletic director, but because she was dismissed for the basketball coach's "team rules" and not the official Student-Athlete Discipline Policy set forth by the university, her appeal was denied.

She said the rejection was very demeaning and hurtful.

"I loved those girls, and those girls were really hurt by it. I still cheered for them, and I still wanted them to succeed, but then I knew that I needed to find somewhere else to go," Dunham said. The love must have been mutual, because the Badgers dropped 5 straight games after Dunham's dismissal.

The Badgers' loss was the Wildcats' gain. Dunham said NMU head coach Troy Mattson was the first coach to call her about seeking new athletic opportunities after her dismissal.

Dunham said Mattson told her he wasn't interested in her dismissal, merely her skills on the court.

"He just gave me a new start, and I just felt like at Wisconsin I never got the benefit of the doubt. I never got the ability to speak my views," she said.

After meeting the team and feeling very welcome, Dunham said her heart told her that Northern was the place to be.

"When I first met the girls, I was just like 'man, these girls can shoot, lights out,' which was pretty awesome to see from D-II, because I had no idea what D-II was like at the time," she said.

Dunham said there was difference between D-I and D-II, but that this league is tougher than she thinks people perceive it to be.

"I think this league deserves

more credit, more respect than people give it," she said.

At a time when the Wildcats win by an average of 8.2 PPG, Dunham's 12.2 PPG really makes the difference. She was humble about how she was able to make the play so often.

"My teammates just give me the ball at the right time and I felt like I distribute the ball to them as much as I can," Dunham said. "I worked really hard in the off-season to get as many shots as I could every day."

Sophomore guard Elicia Derusha said Dunham is nigh unstoppable in the paint.

"Nobody can stop her inside, she's a force to be reckoned with. Anytime she faces up on people, she can shoot over them or take them to the rack," Derusha said.

Dunham's familiarity at the D1 level has been indispensable because the sharing of her experiences helps improve the team, Derusha said.

"Nobody's going to deny that there's a step from D-II to D-I in intensity and physicality and Mariah was able to come in, encourage people, and get them to bring out that toughness in themselves," she said.

Derusha also said Dunham's quality as a person goes beyond her athleticism.

"She's a great friend," Derusha said. "She's easy to talk to, and I feel like I could come to her about anything, on or off the court."



Justin Key/NW

Senior Wildcat Mariah Dunham drives the ball in hard for NMU. The transfer from Wisconsin-Madison made an immediate impact this year.

## Aqua 'Cats finish year

By Jennine Holmes  
contributing writer

This past week the NMU women's swimming and diving team travelled to Wayne State University in Detroit for the GLIAC championship meet. The team was at Wayne State from Feb. 9-13 and competed over the course of five days in various events.

It has been a rough season for the NMU divers. At one point, all three of the divers were out due to injury or illness. Only two of the members could compete at the GLIAC championship meet. To top it off, the girls also had some tough competition at the meet along with an unfamiliar pool.

"Going into the competition, I knew we faced an uphill climb right from the start. Out of the thirteen divers who were going to compete, eight had already qualified to compete at the NCAA D-II Nationals in March," said NMU diving coach, Andy Ward.

On the 1-meter board junior Kelli Vander Baan, placed seventh in the prelims and also in the finals. On the 3-meter board, Vander Baan, once again, finished seventh in the prelims and competed later that day in the finals where she placed seventh.

"[The other divers'] familiar-

ity with the boards and the pool area definitely gave them an advantage," Ward said of the other 3-meter finalists.

Alison Black, a freshman, finished on the 3-meter board with a tenth place in the prelims. The 1-meter, however, tested Black's will and drive to compete when she was left with a foot injury after her second out of 11 dives.

"I was hoping to be in the final eight on the 1-meter but ended up taking tenth," Black said of the affect her foot injury had on her performance.

Despite the turn of events this season, the team still came out of it with positive attitudes and with a newly learned lesson.

"As athletes, once the competition is over and the medals and awards are given out, the meet certainly didn't go as we had planned and hoped. As people, we left the competition feeling better about who we are and what we are capable of under uncertain environments and conditions. We grew as people and that can only translate into growth as athletes," said Ward of his team's experience at the meet.

Despite finishing in eighth place out of eight teams, Coach Bob Laughna was satisfied with his team's performance.

"I was very pleased with the way the team performed, and most of them swam life best times," said Laughna.

Earning points in their individual events were Sarah Cempel, who placed 15th in the 1,000 freestyle, Ana Algaza and Ashley Backman in the 200 backstroke (sixth and 16th, respectively) and Olga Budiansky, who came in seventh in the 200 breaststroke. The 400 freestyle relay, consisting of Algaza, Genevieve Haas, Lauren Cockels and Lindsay Stedman, also scored points for the 'Cats, taking eighth place with a time of 3:51.41.

Coach Laughna said there were no disappointments, but Algaza was not quite satisfied with all of her events.

"Next year I will train more and I want to be in the top three in the 100 and 200 backstroke," she said.

The team plans to continue with their training method, maybe adding a few other techniques.

"We will continue to train as we did this past season with more speed work and strategies on how to come back strong. We are expecting to have a few more strong prospects coming next year and we will continue to build from there," Laughna said.

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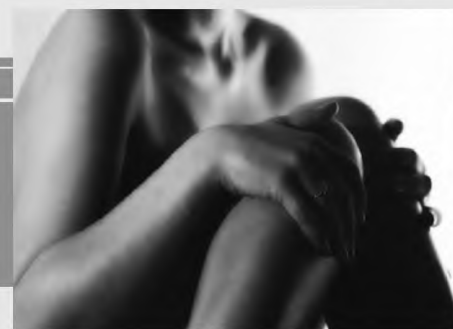
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**Event:** Campus Girl Scouts will meet from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. in Pioneer Room A of the University Center.

**Event:** Intervarsity 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 Club 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:** Primetime Productions will be holding Casino Night from 9 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

**Event:** The Center for Native American Studies will have presentations from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. in the Food Court.

**Event:** Your Student Organization & Your Meetings -- Skill Builder will be held from 6 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Movie:** "8 1/2" will be showing at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102. Free

for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Fri., Feb. 19**

**Event:** NMU Volunteer Center will hold the Winterfest Food Drive Collection Box from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m. in the Atrium Area.

**Event:** The Center for Native American Studies will have presentations from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. in the Food Court.

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

**Event:** Cuong Nhu Club will meet from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Superior Room in the University Center.

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

**Event:** NMU Latin Dance Club will meet from 6 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

**Event:** The Traverse City Nordic Ski Team will meet from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

**Event:** The Falun Dafa Club will meet from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. in Pioneer Room A in the University Center.

**Event:** WinterFest will be holding the Human Sled Dog Races at 4 p.m. in the field adjacent to Gant/Spalding Halls.

**Movie:** "Ojibwe Drum Songs"

will be showing at 6 p.m. in Jamrich 102. This movie is free.

**Sat., Feb. 20**

**Event:** The Center for Native American Studies will hold presentations from 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. in the Food Court.

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

**Movie:** "Pirate Radio" will be showing at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102. Free for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Sun., Feb. 21**

**Event:** Victory Over Death will meet from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the Marquette Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Steppin' Out Dance Club will meet from 6:45 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Superior Room in the University Center.

**Event:** The Black Student Union and the MERC office are hosting a Soul Food Dinner from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Jacobetti Center Commons. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults.

**Event:** University Choir, Madrigal Singers and Lake Effect Show Choir will be holding a concert at 3 p.m. at the Reynolds Recital Hall. This is a free concert.

**Movie:** "Pirate Radio" will be showing at 6 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102. Free for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

**Mon., Feb. 22**

**Event:** Recreational Facilities and Services will be holding a Quit Tobacco Program from 5:15 p.m. until 7:15 p.m. in Pioneer Room B in the University Center.

**Event:** Platform Personalities presents a Frank Abagnale Lecture from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

**Tues., Feb. 23**

**Event:** The College of Business will hold a presentation from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. in the Charcoal 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 Dance Club will meet from 6:45 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Superior Room in the University Center.

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

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

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

**Event:** Michael Shuman, author of "The Small-Mart Revolution",

is presenting in the Great Lakes Room at 7pm.

**Event:** The College of Business will be presenting a Business Intelligence lecture with Bill DeGenaro from 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

**Event:** Study Abroad Information session from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. in 141 Whitman Hall. Event: Resume Workshop will be held from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. in 2303 Hedgecock. This is a free workshop.

**Event:** Mediation: Alternative Dispute Resolution on Campus -- Skill Builder will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

**Wed., Feb. 24**

**Event:** The College of Business will hold international meetings from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. in the Superior Room of the University Center.

**Event:** NMU Hillel will meet from 8 p.m. until 10 p.m. in Pioneer Room B in the University Center.

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

**Event:** NMU Symphonic Band will be holding a concert at 7:30 p.m. in Reynolds Recital Hall. This is a free concert.

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**Abby** — Happy 19th Birthday! — **Claire**

**Daddy** — I love you. You're the light in my life. — **Momma**

**Momma** — I sure hope daddy gets some loving tonight. — **Daddy**

**Claire** — There are five sources, I swear. I just need to write the

article. — **Scott**

**Lynn** — Thanks for being here for me in everything. I can't wait to see you in a week. — **Lucy**

**Tom** — I'm a jerk. You're awesome. — **Hells Belz**

**FE, EIC, OE** — Thanks for an awesome weekend guys. — **Belz**

**Mickdiq**— Girls and situations, man. Let's tear it up this weekend. — **Bezell**

**MUN friends** — Have a good time in Toronto! — **Alex**

**Thao** — Wish me luck, I love you so much — **Cameron**

**Milk with Ice** — Don't listen to Scott, you rule — **Cameron**

**Continental Congress** — I'm commin' for ya, baby. — **Johnny Adamseed**

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**Munners** — Good luck guys and gals in Toronto. — **Lu**

**NW Staff**— I miss you more than words will ever be able to tell. — **Love, O'Neill**

**Whit** — It's all happening. — **Love, Future Roomie**

**Claire** — Let's hang out soon. So I can spill beer on you and then cry. — **Sarah**

**KJ** — Let's hang out this weekend like in the old days. It's too cold for running, so let's have some cokes — **Alex**

**Roommate** — Have a good time with Brit this weekend! Next week, though, you, me and some Heroes. — **Alex**

**Dad** — Even though the San Diego thing didn't work out, let's still go somewhere awesome this summer. — **Alex**

**FE** — With so many failed marriages, I think we could call this week's paper a divorce. — **EIC**

**NW Staff** — Rough week, guys, but we done good. — **EIC**

**Manner** — Hope you're as excited as I am to spend Friday night running with a couple of dogs in the snow. — **Baby & Bobo**

**Everyone** — Check out my blog all about my life: [theadventure-sofbaby.blogspot.com](http://theadventure-sofbaby.blogspot.com). — **Baby**

**Milk w/ Ice** — Ew. — **Lucy**

**Inspirations**

Getting lost countless times  
Baby's fall from the 13th floor  
Toronto  
HAY-O  
Juvenile Fights  
Newspaper epic fail  
Scott + Olympics = true love  
Grace Kelly

**ALEX NYE THE COMIC GUY** — Alex Nye



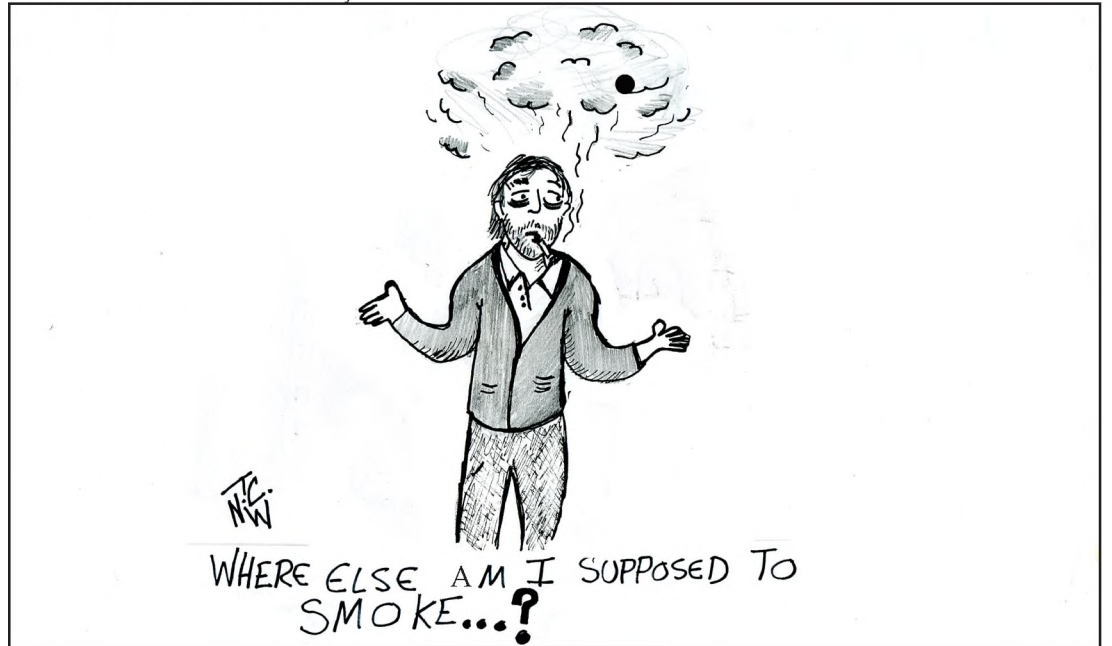
**NOVEL GRAFIK** — Shooky



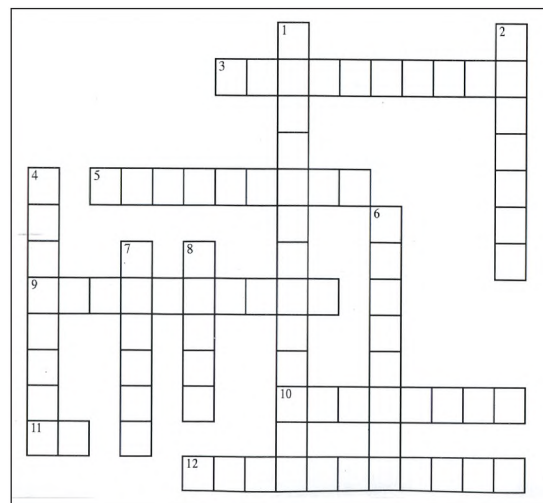
**DOLLHOUSE** — Rachel Vogt



**AP STYLISTS** — Tom Cory



**Crossing Winds**



**Across**

- 3. Mayor of Marquette, Michigan
- 5. Experts say this man is attempting to start a nuclear renaissance
- 9. Fear of heights
- 10. The NMU Hockey team will be in this city this week-end
- 11. \_\_\_ Strangelove or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb
- 12. Kicked off Alpine skiing at the 2010 Olympics

**Down**

- 1. To be released on February 19
- 2. Frenchman who visited Haiti on Wednesday
- 4. The most common male name in the world
- 6. Black History Month
- 7. Number puzzles
- 8. Capital city of Bangladesh

Last Week's 'Crossing Winds' Answers:

Down: 2. Distinctive 3. Lucy Hough 7. Les Wong 8. Canada 9. Ours 11. ASNMU  
Across: 1. Harry Reid 4. Drew Brees 5. Cupid 6. Illinois 10. Bart Stupak 12. Rent



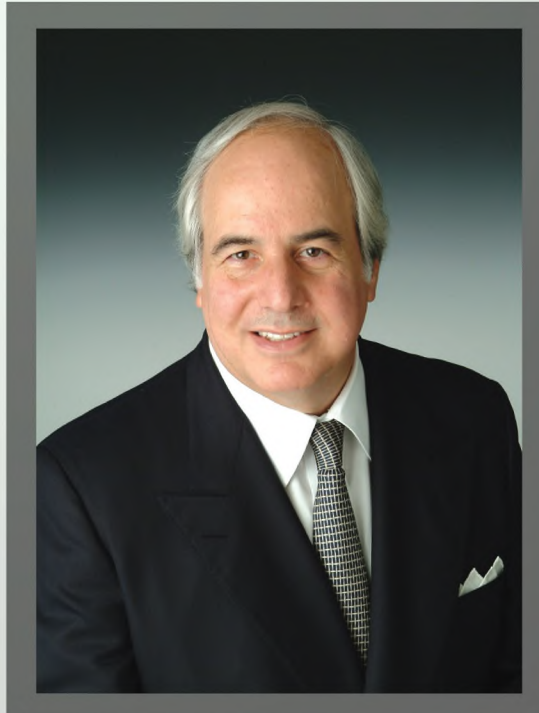
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