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Bryan Franklin, a graduate student in computer science at Michigan Technological University, gives a presentation on comparing genetic sequences at NMU's first Upper Peninsula Computing Conference.

New conference focuses on math and computer science

By James Dyer
staff writer

On Saturday, March 20, students and faculty from across the U.P. gathered to share their research in computer science and mathematics at the first Upper Peninsula Computing Conference (UPCON).

The conference took place in the West Science's Mead Auditorium, and was sponsored by NMU's department of mathematics and computer sciences and the UNIX User Group, a student organization. UPCON focused on topics in computer science and showcased research done by various students and faculty from NMU, Michigan Technological University (MTU) and Lake Superior State University (LSSU). The event also gave students interested in computer science and mathematics from the U.P. a chance to hear presentations from other area schools.

"(UPCON) started as an Internet security/hacker conference, but being in the U.P. it's hard to attract speakers," said Esther Su, a senior math major. Su is also the public relations and event coordinator of the UNIX User Group, an organization that promotes the use of alternative computer operating systems such as the UNIX system.

Because it was difficult to find speakers on one specific subject, Su and the UNIX User Group decided to open up the conference to general topics relating to computer science and mathematics.

"We sent out a call for presentations. We really wanted it to be faculty and students," said Su.

While the faculty presenters were sought out individually, the student participants submitted an abstract, a synopsis of their research, to be accepted to present at the conference, said Su.

Among the faculty presenters were Jerry Seethoff the dean of NMU's College of Arts and Sciences, associate professors of computer science Randy Appleton and Mark Paulsen, computer science professor Evan Schemm of LSSU, and NMU adjunct instructor John Sarkela. Associate professor of computer science Jeff Horn, who is currently in Finland conducting research,

also participated in the conference through a laptop and webcam mounted on a Pioneer 3DX model robot. There were also presentations by MTU student Bryan Franklin and NMU student Brian Krent.

"It's been a solid conference. It's nice to see how many people came out," said Krent, a senior computer science major and former vice president of the UNIX User Group.

Krent's presentation, "Programming Artificial Life using the Breve Simulation Environment," demonstrates an easy-to-use 3-D world that can be used to create simulations of artificial life.

"I am demonstrating a useful tool," he said, "It speeds up the process, so you can focus on the experiment."

Franklin, a graduate student at MTU, spent a year and a half researching his presentation, "A Parallel Longest Common Subsequence Algorithm in UPC." Franklin said his presentation showed a way to compare genetic sequences.

Franklin is using the research toward a master's degree in computer science, and he plans on presenting his research again at the High Performance Composition Symposium in Orlando. Franklin said that UPCON was great practice for the larger conference held in April.

"I really enjoyed all the presenters here. It's a very laid-back atmosphere," he said.

J.D. Phillips, head of NMU's computer science and mathematics department, said that he plans on making UPCON a yearly event. Phillips' presentation demonstrated the effectiveness of computers in solving complicated math problems that would be difficult to complete by a single person.

"We had people from three different (U.P.) colleges and the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences," he said, "It was a good turnout."

This year's UPCON was almost entirely organized by the students of the UNIX User Group, said Phillips.

"Conferences such as these that are organized and run by students are really a feather in NMU's cap," said Phillips.



James Dyer/NW

Deadline for Census nears

By Cameron Witbeck
news editor

Amanda Cook was only 12 when the last U.S. Census occurred. Ten years later, Cook, now a senior art and design major at NMU, filled out her own Census form, which she said was both exciting and intimidating.

"I felt like a responsible adult," Cook said. "I actually was really excited. I felt like I was the head of the household for the first time and it reinforced my enthusiasm for living on my own."

The Census occurs every 10 years and is mandated in Article I, Section 2 of the U.S. Constitution. The Census allows the U.S. Government to access the distribution and volume of the American population. This in turn affects how many delegates each state is allowed in the U.S. House of Rep-

resentatives and how more than \$400 billion in federal resources is distributed annually.

April 1, or Census Day, marks the date that the Census forms should be sent in. Cook said that she felt rushed by the deadline but understood the reason for having one.

"I have a major tendency to procrastinate, especially when I have extra things to remember. On the other hand, if it wasn't such a short deadline I'd probably forget entirely," she said.

Kim Hunter, the media team leader for the Detroit Regional Census Center, said that the longer citizens take to send back the form, the more likely it is that Census Takers will not be able to process the form. Hunter said that the law that makes it necessary to fill out

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Candidates gear up for ASNMU elections

By Ben Hocking
assistant news editor

As presidential hopefuls T.J. Weber and Lucia Lopez begin to gear up their campaigns for the April 6-7 Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) elections, several events are being held on campus to familiarize the NMU community with what the candidates for all ASNMU positions stand for and what they have to offer students if elected.

ASNMU is placing a candidate page on their Web site that gives a brief biography of each person running for all the positions in the upcoming elections. The organization is also sponsoring a candidate forum in the Starbucks lounge of the LRC on March 30 at 6 p.m. The event is designed to allow all candidates to present their platforms to students and take questions regarding their stance on issues from the student body.

Other upcoming events include an exclusively presidential debate on WNMU channel 13 and will be taped on Friday, March 27 and aired at a later date. The official vice-presidential debates will also be Wednesday, March 31 from 7-9 p.m. while the official presidential debates will be Thursday, April 1 from 7-9 p.m. Both events will be held in Jamrich 103.

ASNMU chair of the elections committee, Lakin Lanich, said that the presidential and vice-presidential debates were going to be held on different days due to time constraints and because the two positions are different jobs that have different responsibilities to uphold in ASNMU.

"(This format) gives the vice-presidential candidates their own time to express what they want to do at NMU separate from the president," she said.

Lanich said that she hopes that this year's new posters on campus that advertise the debates will encourage students who are not running for ASNMU office to participate in getting their voices heard by their potential student leaders.

"I really hope that students will come and participate in all these debates and that they feel welcome, while at the same time they ask questions and challenge the candidates," Lanich said. "Last year we had a pretty low turnout for all of the (election) events, and I want people to come to these debates so the elections aren't just a popularity contest."

Presidential candidate Lucia Lopez, a junior electronic journalism major, said she is making an effort to hear what students care

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Briefs

Relay may be larger than ever

NMU's annual Relay for Life event will be held this weekend from 1 p.m. on Friday, March 26 until 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 27 in the Vandament Arena.

Relay for Life is a 24-hour walk-a-thon which seeks to raise awareness of cancer-related issues as well as funds for the American Cancer Society. Amber Baillargeon, a senior English major and chair of NMU's Relay for Life committee, said that originally their goal was to have at least 30 teams and a total of 300 people.

Baillargeon said that so far, 37 teams and over 400 people have signed up. Relay for Life is the primary fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, and this year, the NMU event hopes to raise \$27,000.

- Dalten Krause

Graduate students hold reading

NMU's Graduate Writers Association (GWA) will hold a reading at the Landmark Inn on Friday, March 26 at 9 p.m.

Students will be reading fiction and nonfiction pieces in the Landmark Inn's Board Room. This month's featured readers are Jeff Evans and Tim Johnston, who are both students in NMU's graduate English program.

The GWA reading gives graduate students an opportunity to share their personal work with the community, said Isaac Coleman, president of NMU's GWA.

Readings are held about six times a year with the next being held April 30 in the Landmark Inn at 9 p.m. Coleman said that undergraduate students and writers from the community are encouraged to attend. There will be an open mic at the end of the night for people to share personal writings with each other.

- Gary Seaman

Talk given on religious women

On Monday, March 29 the Multicultural Education and Resource Center (MERC) is holding a free lecture in the Whitman Hall Commons Area at 6 p.m.

The guest speaker for the lecture will be Ruth Almen, an adjunct professor of sociology and social work.

Almen said the lecture, "How the Church Ladies Taught Me to be a Peace and Justice Advocate," will cover her work history and what the religious women in her life did to shape it. She also said the lecture will be about these women's good deeds and how they impacted Almen's career.

- Katelynn Segula

Corrections

"Obama failing to be an instrument of change," on Page 10 of the March 18 North Wind should have been attributed to Aaron Loudenslager.

The photo on Page 22 of the March 18 North Wind depicted a match between NMU and the Green Bay Rugby Club.

Visiting artist leaves lasting impression on NMU



Justin Key/NW

Artist and sculptor, Anne Drew Potter works on a piece. Potter was at NMU for a 10 day series of lectures and presentations. Her closing lecture takes place on Thursday, March 25 at 7 p.m. in West Science 2904B.

ASNMU update

Impeachment charges against representative dropped

By Ben Hocking
assistant news editor

On Monday, March 22, the majority of the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) members voted against an impeachment charge that was leveled at general studies representative and presidential candidate T.J. Weber.

ASNMU representatives were provided with a formal complaint from Erin Astle, the general manager of Radio X, which alleged that Weber made threats regarding the organization's funding. Astle's letter stated, "(Weber) made a comment implying that he could use his power as a member of ASNMU to have a negative outcome on our upcoming referendum."

Radio X is currently asking for a \$0.70 increase per student to the Student Activity Fee in the upcoming referendum vote.

Vice President Josh Corbat, who proposed the impeachment, said he

felt that the allegations were serious enough to warrant further investigation.

"As the assembly of ASNMU, we don't have the authority to run a formal investigation," he said. "If you try to decide whether this is true, you are not doing your job tonight."

President Jason Morgan said that he didn't believe that there was sufficient evidence to suggest that Weber had threatened Radio X. He asked the board members to vote no on turning over the investigation to the All Student Judiciary (ASJ).

"This is the biggest waste of time all year," Morgan said. "What (Corbat) is saying is, 'Don't think for yourself, let someone else do it for you.'"

The vote on the charge failed 8-2 with two "Abstain" votes and one member was absent.

According to the ASNMU Constitution, in order to have had the ASJ review the case, "Upon a three-fourths

affirmative vote of the Assembly, the charges will be referred to the (ASJ) or other comparable student judiciary."

Weber said that the allegation that he made threats to Radio X after he was fired as a radio show host were malicious and false.

"I kept my cool very well, and I never threatened them," he said. "This is damaging to a person's reputation."

In other news, ASNMU unanimously approved \$600 from their general fund for a trip the organization plans to take to Lansing to rally for higher education funding. Corbat and Holly Kasberger resigned from the election committee and Stefane Preston and Lupita Ferguson were appointed to take their places. ASNMU also announced plans to reinstitute the bike share program on campus starting Sunday, March 28. ASNMU also approved unanimously the language of all of the proposed questions for the 2010 NMU Referendum.

Map Key

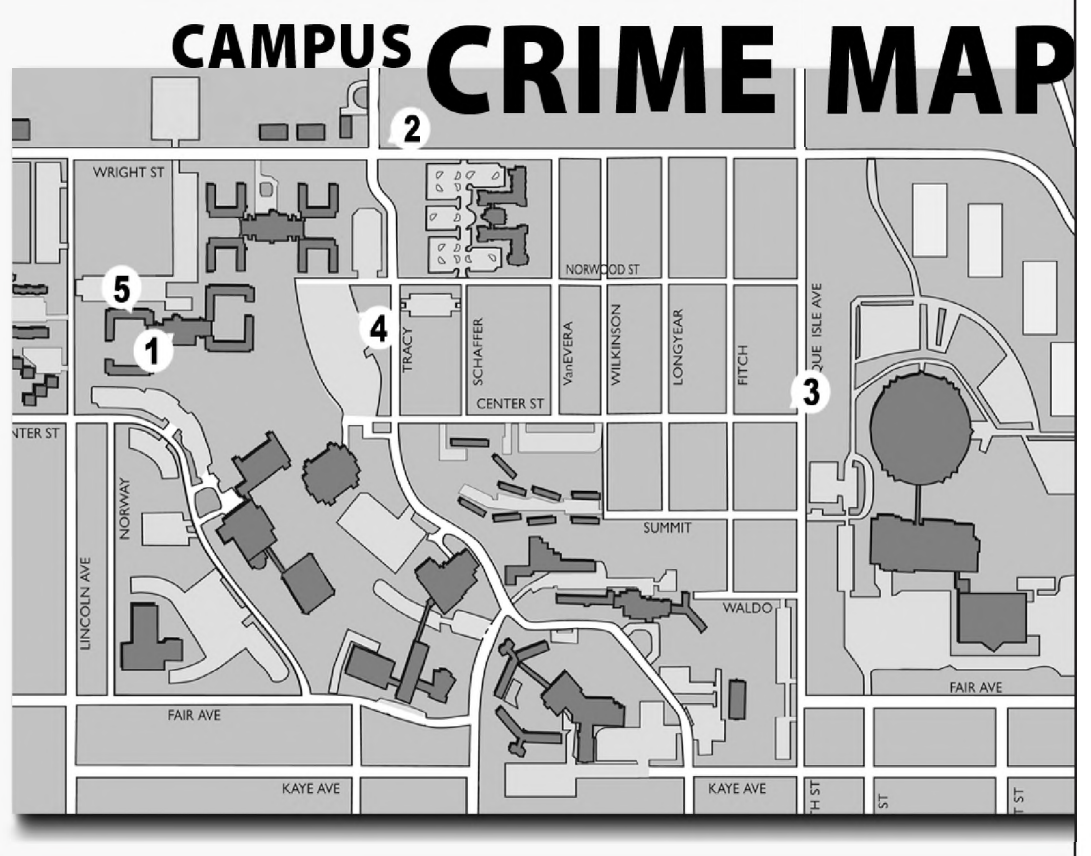
1) An non-student was arrested for drunk driving at 12:59 a.m. on March 19 on College Avenue.

2) A potential simple assault charge was reported at 2:50 p.m. on March 19 at the U.C.

3) Vandalism was reported at 4 p.m. on March 19 in Gant Hall.

4) A non-student was arrested for drunk driving at 1:08 a.m. on March 21 on Presque Isle Avenue and Fair Avenue.

5) A student was reported for marijuana possession at 10:05 a.m. on March 22 in Meyland Hall.



Food fair focuses on local farming

By Amber Snyder
contributing writer

The local co-op and two student organizations are hosting a fair this week to educate NMU students about farming in the U.P.

The Local Food and Farm Fair will be held Wednesday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the University Center. The event will be sponsored by the Marquette Food Co-op, Students for Sustainable Living and the Environmental Science Organization.

There will be a variety of local farmers and Marquette Food Co-op employees giving out information and presenting about locally grown foods. There will also be market masters, who each run a different farmers market in the U.P., presenting at the event. The event will educate students and about the benefits of local foods and where they can purchase them. Sarah Monte, one of the event organizers, is the education and publications coordinator at the Marquette Food Co-op. Monte said that college is a great time to start supporting local farmers.

"College is the first time most students actually get the chance to think about their food. They're living out on their own and shopping

for themselves," she said. "With this event, we hope to get students on the right track and help them buy locally."

Monte said that students will be able to talk with the farmers and market masters about local food, how it is grown and how to get it. Monte said that eating healthy foods is important for everyone, even cash-strapped students.

"Eating healthy food is the most important thing you can do for yourself," Monte said. "We always talk about the high cost of health-care, but the cheapest way to take care of yourself is by eating healthy foods. By coming out and meeting the farmers, you can learn how their food is grown and get the opportunity to put the face of a local farmer to the food you are buying."

Monte said that there is a big difference between the foods available at local farmers markets and the Marquette Food Co-op and those found at the conventional grocery store.

"Something that's shipped in from Mexico and sits on a shelf for days doesn't taste the same as something locally grown," she said. "Even though it might be a little more expensive, the farmers mar-



Photos provided by Sarah Monte

Marquette residents peruse the fresh produce of local farm Seeds and Spores at a farmers market last summer.

kets are a great deal. They provide quality and an experience."

Zach Bartel, president of the Environmental Science Organization at NMU, said buying local produce is an easy way for students to have a positive effect on the environment.

"Unlike other issues that are really complicated, like water pollution and global warming, it's easy for people to understand how they can make a difference with this issue," he said. "No one person is going to solve those crises, but everyone can make a difference in their community by buying local products."

Rowan Bunce, a local farmer

who started Rock River Farm in Chatham, Mich., will be at the event. Bunce started his farm at a young age and said that other young people can do the same.

"Farming is a lot of work, but it's worth it," he said. "There is a business niche out there for local farmers. Most people my age have no idea how to get a farm going or how to get funding. This event is going to be an opportunity for me to tell people how I did it and how they can make it happen."

Bunce said that it is important for communities to have local farms to buy from.

"I started my farm because I

wanted premium, fresh food," he said. "Now my community can have the same. I hope NMU students who come to this latch on to the idea and spread it to where they are from. The more people out there providing these foods, the easier it will be for everyone to get them."

At the event, students will be able to ask individual questions of farmers and market masters and can get advice about how to prepare healthier food. The farmers will also have information about possible internships and jobs.

For more information about the Local Food and Farm Fair, contact Sarah Monte at 225-0671, extension 23.

Group pushes for change to PEIF pass

By James Dyer
staff writer

Students will have the opportunity to give their opinion on whether or not they want their Physical Education Instruction Facility (PEIF) pass included in their college tuition in the April 6-7 NMU Referendum.

The NMU group, Students for Campus Wellness, presented a non-binding question to the Referendum Committee to be put on the referendum ballot that will survey student support of the proposal. The results will be presented as a suggestion to the NMU Board of Trustees.

Many new students wonder why there is an extra fee for the recreational facilities, said Candace Sequin, a junior management major and president of Students for Campus Wellness.

"If people have the opportunity (to exercise), they are more likely to do it," she said.

Sequin said that her organization encourages students to live a healthy lifestyle by becoming part of a campus wellness culture. Many students do not fully realize all of the health benefits of exercising in a social environment like the PEIF, she said.

"There are separate dimensions of wellness. A lot of students think that coming to the PEIF will only help them physically, but they're missing out on the social and emotional benefits," Sequin said.

The referendum question specifically asks students if they are in favor of being charged a \$50 student recreation fee each semester that will be added to their tuition,

instead of purchasing a PEIF pass. The fee would be applicable to all students taking six credits or more a semester. This fee will also cover renovations to the saunas and racquetball courts, make PEIF rentals free to all students, and replace aging cardio, circuit and free weight equipment.

Sequin said the Students for Campus Wellness have been receiving positive responses to the surveys they have handed out to gauge student interest in the proposal. Organizations like the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Health Promotion Office, the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Student Athletic Training Organization have all shown support for the proposal, as have many of NMU's club sports organizations, she said.

"NMU and Michigan State University are the only (public) universities in Michigan that don't have an assessed fee for the use of their recreation facilities. We're behind on the times," she said.

If the proposal is implemented, it could mean an additional 2,700 more students would have access to the recreation facilities, and an additional \$300,000 a year could be used for renovations and new fitness classes, said Brian Gaudreau, NMU's associate director of intercollegiate athletics and recreational sports and faculty adviser to the Students for Campus Wellness organization. One of the things incoming students are looking for is the availability and quality of on campus recreation facilities, Gaudreau said. A portion of the money generated by the proposed student recreation fee would go towards replacements for old and outdated equipment.

"We've got circuit equipment that is

twelve years old. I can't tell the last time the free weights have been replaced, and it all needs to be," he said.

Students for Campus Wellness had to work with the Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) and the Referendum Committee in order to get the question put on the ballot.

"We worked very closely with the group to make sure the language is fair so that students know what it is they're voting for," said Keith Voorheis, the chair of the Referendum Committee.

The Referendum Committee is in charge of putting together a final draft of the referendum questions which was approved by ASNMU representatives on Monday, March 22.

"Based on the results of the (referendum), the Board of Trustees will make a decision to include it into tuition costs. If the students show strong support, it makes the tuition hike easier for the Board of Trustees," said Voorheis.

ASNMU President Jason Morgan said that he was approached by the Students for Campus Wellness organization to help get this proposal on the ballot.

"Students have been wanting to do this for years. All the residence halls and sports organizations have been very supportive of this proposal," Morgan said.

He said that it will be a difficult decision, but it is exciting to give students the opportunity to help decide for themselves where they want their money to go.

"During hard economic times, students have the opportunity to have direct control of where there money will be going. It's a beautiful part of the process," said Morgan.

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about the most by going around to student organizations such as the College Republicans, attending hall government meetings and getting together with different Greek chapters at NMU.

"We are spending a lot of time just getting out there and talking to students about what is important to them," she said. "It's one of the most important parts of our campaign."

Lopez also plans to raise awareness about her campaign by making T-shirts, campaigning through Facebook and putting up posters throughout campus and local business such as bars and grocery stores.

"The student body has a lot of different parts and it's important to reach out to everyone the best that we can," she said. "We want to make sure we are advocating for (lots of different students)."

Presidential candidate T.J. Weber, junior marketing and economics double major, said that he was meeting with student organizations such as the College Libertarians, the College Democrats and the Greek counsel and attends hall government meetings to get new ideas from students about what they think ASNMU should be doing for them.

"The most important thing we can do is to go around to different groups on campus and hear what people have to say at their meetings," he said. "A lot of the best ideas at ASNMU come from students. They are able to see things in their day-to-day life that we can address at ASNMU."

In addition to attending these meetings, creating a Facebook group and putting up posters on campus and in bars, Weber is planning on having a student rights concert in one of the residence halls lobbies to raise support for his campaign and educate students about their rights.

Granddaughter of famed French oceanographer to speak at Northern

By John Becker
staff writer

On Tuesday, March 30, NMU will host environmental advocate and explorer Alexandra Cousteau at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center. Cousteau is the granddaughter of famous French explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau and daughter of oceanographer Philippe Cousteau, Sr.

The speech is titled "Alexandra Cousteau: Reflections in the Water," and will be free for NMU students, \$5 for non-students.

Ben Scheelk, president of the Eta Chi Chapter at NMU of Gamma Theta Upsilon (GTU), the international geographic honor society, said Cousteau has an adept ability to describe things in a way that people can easily relate to and appreciate.

"Her niche is storytelling and getting the message across to multiple audiences at different platforms," Scheelk said.

Scheelk said the title of the speech uses a play on words to give reflections a double meaning. He said the speech is an opportunity for Cousteau to look back on her experiences, but also to reflect on

why water is so important.

Robert Legg, advisor to GTU and assistant professor of geography at NMU, said Cousteau's work is all about the importance of water.

"The students were interested in Cousteau because she's an internationally renowned speaker for water issues," Legg said.

Cousteau is a spokesperson for the Live Earth 2010 Run for Water, and founder of Blue Legacy, a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the critical issues of clean and easily accessible water. Water accessibility is a huge issue outside the United States According to Live Earth, the Run for Water is a six kilometer run because that is the average distance many people walk daily to acquire their water.

By combining film with the power of social networking, Scheelk said Cousteau has helped spread the message of sustainable water management.

"She's using technology to bring communities together with disparate parts of the world. It's really important for that message to be conveyed to all people, regardless of their walk of life," Scheelk said.

Sustainable water management

means not only providing safe water for all, but respecting and protecting water and its inhabitants, Scheelk said.

Cousteau's work, Scheelk said, helps teach people to better coexist with the environment in order to aid in its conservation.

"(Cousteau will) show the interconnectivity of social and environmental issues, and how global water issues relate to this region," he said.

Legg said there are many issues facing water that could get worse if left unchecked. He also said Cousteau's message seeks to teach but also engage attendees.

"There's everything from over fishing, to pollution, to species depletion, so really (the speech is) a way to call for action for some of these issues and highlight different topics that are associated with the oceans," Legg said.

Scheelk said anyone who is interested in impacting the environment in a positive way should attend the speech.

"Alexandra Cousteau is a perfect role model for students our age who are looking towards their future and asking, 'How can I have an effect on the world?'" Scheelk said.

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the form is not the most important motivation for doing so.

"The most powerful tool we have to entice residents to participate is the necessity to be civically engaged, to support our democracy," he said. "Most opt to participate ... to make the count as accurate as possible to bring the right resources to their respective communities."

The Census not only helps allocate resources and delegates at the national level, but also helps distribution at the state, county, city and community levels.

"The Census is used to see that every community gets its fair share of more than \$400 billion in federal funds distributed annually to support (things like) schools, hospitals, roads and fire and police personnel," he said. "This is a once in a decade chance to help ensure your community gets the resources and political voice it deserves based on an accurate population count."

Hunter said that there are many challenges facing this decade's facilitation of the Census. These include registering the increasing number of recently homeless due to the economic crisis. Another concern that people have is whether their private information is protected. The Census Takers are sworn to protect the privacy of those who fill out the forms, said Hunter. They face fines of up to \$250,000 or five years in prison if they divulge private information.

"There are also the traditional barriers of folks with low income who feel disenfranchised and perhaps even apathetic about the census," he said.

Cook said she expected that filling out the Census form would be both difficult and complicated. The current Census form consists of just 10 questions and takes approximately 10 minutes to fill out.

"I was surprised at how simple it was. I was worried that it would be a really tedious, laborious process but it was very easy," she said.

Cook said that she had several motivations for completing the Census form.

"It sounds kind of corny, but it reminded me of learning about civic duties in high school. I think it's a big part of living in America and being involved with your government," Cook said. "And there was a note in the Census envelope that said it's against the law not to participate. So that was enough to convince me."

For more information on the Census visit www.2010census.gov.

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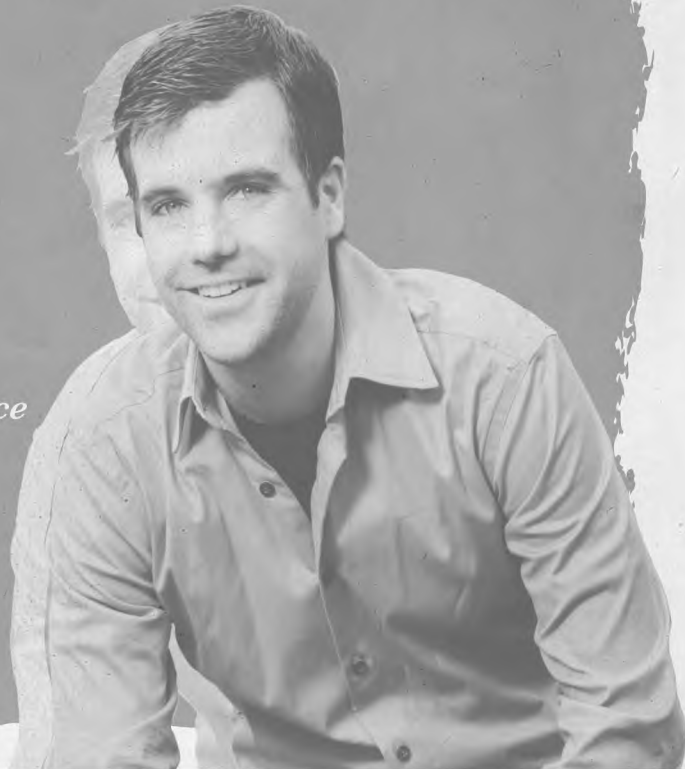
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Volunteer of the Month February

Amber Baillargeon



The NMU Volunteer Center and Casa Calabria would like to congratulate Volunteer of the Month, Amber Baillargeon! Amber, a senior majoring in English, serves as the Chairperson for the NMU Relay for Life, a 24-hour walk to raise awareness and funds for cancer research. For the past three years, she has been a part of the Relay for Life Committee that plans the event. In addition to Relay, Amber co-coordinates a mentor program at Teaching Family Homes. She helps to plan fun events for NMU students and Teaching Family Home kids to attend. We would like to thank Amber for her service to the community and award her with the NMU Volunteer Center Volunteer of the Month for February.



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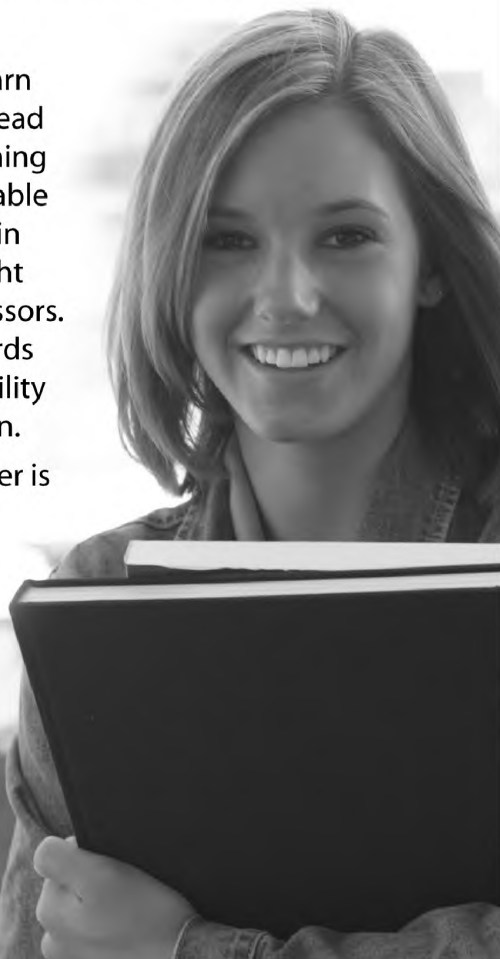
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Talks with administrators are a good idea

There have been a number of events around campus recently which give students a chance to ask the administration questions about policy and any other concerns students may have. These conversations lessen the chance of rumor and speculation and help students understand where administrators are coming from. They encourage transparency and openness and makes students aware of the people who are making the decisions. We think these are wonderful ideas and encourage more in the future.

Students were given the chance this past Monday, March 22 at the Public Safety talk to ask any open-ended questions on subjects they were curious about, and Tuesday, March 23, students were able to talk to Greer at "Root Beer with Dean Greer." Last week, President Les Wong held a conversation as well for students to attend.

Resident Advisers in Halverson Hall were responsible for putting on the Greer and Public Safety conversations. This made it possible for students to meet officers and the Dean in person and turn myths about CCW, dean referrals and stopping students with backpacks into fact. The Public Safety event encouraged students to learn where Public Safety is coming from. Students were able to see that Public Safety's goal isn't to make our lives more difficult but to enforce the law and make us safer.

One of the biggest advantages of these talks is that these conversations are beneficial for both administrators and students. While students were able to better understand the administration and their rationale for certain decisions, policies and requirements, administrators were able to hear student concerns directly. Both parties were able to discuss problems students and the university are having now and how these problems may be addressed.

We wish that more students could have attended these events. Although Facebook groups for the activities were created, if they had been produced sooner, it may have encouraged more students to attend. Additionally, if these events were held on some sort of regular basis, it would encourage even more transparency and conversation between students and administrators.

These events are a great thing for students to attend. They help to eliminate the negativity that might exist between students and their superiors. They allow for a more direct line of communication between decision makers and students. This sort of transparency is very important in a campus environment and we think it's great that administrators were able to schedule these talks and answer student questions. We hope that more such talks can be planned for the future and that students could come to attend.

Letters to the Editor

'Pow Wow' article contained insensitivity

I am writing as a concerned NMU student and North Wind reader. I am a member of NMU's Native American Student Association and helped to organize this year's pow wow. After reading the article written about the pow wow, as well as reading articles in the past about cultural events, some concerns have arisen about cultural insensitivity.

I understand that many of the writers at the North Wind may not be familiar with a lot of different cultures, but I also understand that as a journalist you should do some research before an article is run.

My most recent objection is with the pow wow article. As I read it I was thinking to myself how wonderfully put everything was, until I came to the description of Joel's outfit. Many Native people find the word "costume" horribly offensive when describing traditional dress. To refer to a traditional outfit, or regalia, as a costume is degrading and disrespectful. Again, I understand that writers may not be knowledgeable of these things, but it is their job to ask questions accordingly.

I'm sure I'm not the only person who was offended by this comment, as well as other comments in past articles. I just wanted to voice my thoughts and feelings in hope that in the future some more sensitivity will be used. Chi'Miigwech (Great Thanks).

Holly Berkstresser
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Environmental
Conservation major

ASNMU is going down the wrong path

ASNMU has been on the pages of the North Wind a lot lately, and for some not-so-good reasons. Over the course of my four years at Northern, I spent three as a part of ASNMU. Has ASNMU ever been a perfect organization? No, but it still managed to maintain professionalism and its relationship with university administrators. A recent chain of events has led me to believe that we've reached the lowest point in ASNMU history.

First, the well-respected and levelheaded treasurer resigned due to the nature of the members of the organization. Next, the president of ASNMU asks to have the adviser removed for petty and personal reasons. Third, the board drafted bylaw changes that are in violation of the constitution. Thankfully, this crisis was diverted, and the changes were amended before being approved. Finally, a representative running for president became subject to impeachment due to reasons of misconduct.

I've closely looked into all of the candidates running this year, and there are only two that I believe have the talent and ambition to make ASNMU what it should be. Please do not let the downward spiral of ASNMU continue, please "Get Naked" with Lucia Lopez and Courtney Russell on April 6 and 7. I know I will.

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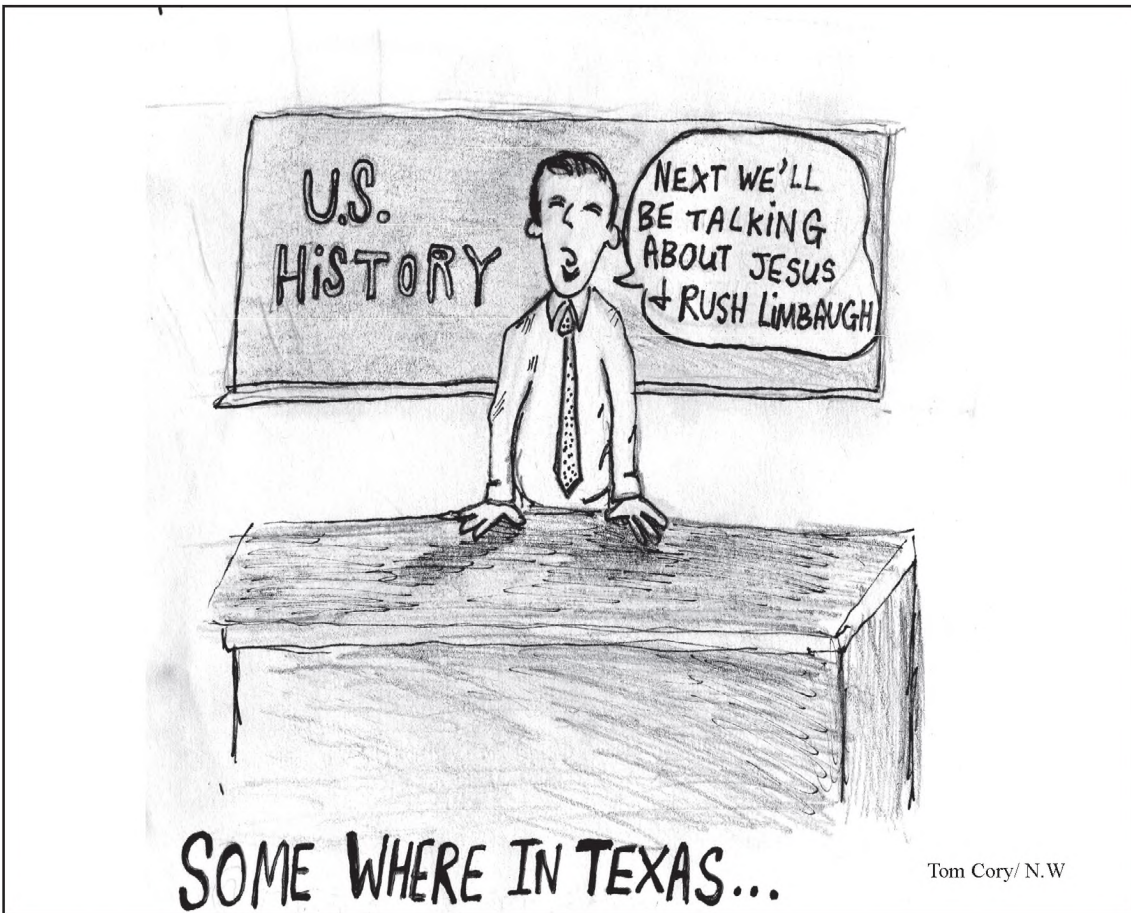
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For What It's Worth

By Alex Belz - Opinion Editor



History shouldn't be edited for political bias

Napoleon Bonaparte once said, "History is a myth men agree to believe." I would like to say this statement is false. Men and women who have gathered together to write history over the years have strived to report it accurately, fairly and balanced. Unfortunately, a recent decision by Texas educators only serves to prove Napoleon right.

On Friday, March 12, the Texas State Board of Education voted 10 - 5 to approve recommendations to the state's K-12 curriculum. These recommendations were designed to "balance" the teaching of history, since it supposedly often comes with a liberal bias. Among a great deal of revisions, these recommendations would include discussing the "importance" of Rush Limbaugh and anti-feminist Phyllis Schlafly on history, emphasize the rationale behind Sen. Joseph McCartney's red scare and, of course, their worst idea of all: erasing Thomas Jefferson from the list of thinkers who influenced the revolutions of the 17th and 18th century. In Jefferson's place, the new textbooks would focus on "ideological" forerunners, such as Catholic philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas and theologian John Calvin.

These high school students will not learn the lessons I learned in high school. They will be unable to know where the phrase "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" comes from. They won't learn about how Jefferson encour-

aged the idea of the separation of church and state. They won't learn that without Jefferson, the American Revolution would have taken a completely different shape. And not just our revolution: the French Revolution wouldn't have been the same without Jefferson's ideas as inspiration.

But worse than all of that, the Texas State Board of Education is suggesting that history books have been edited so that they reflect a liberal bias. Instead of trying to correct this problem by trying to teach history as it happened, they are editing history to reflect a more "balanced" political view.

The Texas State Board of Education will be giving their final vote on the issue in May, after a prolonged period of public comment. The changes they make will be for a period of 10 years, and will directly affect 4.8 million students in Texas.

This number of students is deceiving, however. Schools often purchase the best selling textbooks to use in their classrooms, and Texas' large population almost guarantees these textbooks will reach the top of the list. It is only a matter of time before the edited textbooks of Texas reach the eyes and ears of students across the country.

It's no secret that politics and the teaching of history go hand in hand. Recent history is still debatable. Conservatives argue that the economic boom of the '90s was

a direct result of the economic policies President Reagan enacted during the '80s; while liberals argue it had nothing to do with that and more to do with President Clinton's domestic policies. The reality of the situation is hard to determine, because so often politics get in the way.

Yet there is absolutely no reason to allow politics to get involved when looking back on the American Revolution. Involving politics in the last few decades of history is understandable, but deleting or heavily censoring the influence of a founding father on history is beyond reason. Jefferson gave us the Declaration of Independence, the Louisiana Purchase and the ideals that everyone deserves life and liberty. He has been idolized for centuries. His face is even on Mount Rushmore. I don't understand how the Texas State Board of Education can turn their back on that.

Napoleon warned that history was a myth we agree to believe. Jefferson himself said, "A morsel of genuine history is a thing so rare as to be always valuable."

Clearly, the issue of how the writing of history books and the teaching of history should be handled has been around for a long, long time. Yet continuing the practice is despicable. History should not be something someone can mend and change at will to reflect any political ideology, whether liberal, conservative or anything else.

Opportunities exist for international jobs



Professor's Corner

Tim Compton

About 15 years ago, the Foreign Language Department was charged with providing advising for International Studies majors. We did a competent job at helping students understand the program and get the courses they needed to graduate, but I fear that our ability to provide sound advice on the topic of international jobs was sadly lacking. I am happy to report that over the years we have not only dropped the "foreign" from the name of our department (since there are roughly 50 million speakers of languages other than English in the United States, most of whom are not foreigners), but we have become increasingly adept at advising students on much more than just coursework.

We have learned that job seekers have a myriad of opportunities of an international nature. Possibilities range from working in the U.S. State Department to the United Nations to Development institutions and agencies (do an internet search on "Bilateral Development Agencies" and I bet you'll be surprised how many hits you get) to non-governmental organizations (NGO's — another internet search on this will surely impress you) to banking and business to international education to teaching English as a second language. This listing barely scratches the surface of international career paths.

As we have talked with numerous people working in international jobs, we have asked what it takes for people to break into their field. Answers have varied somewhat, but their replies have included several constants. First and foremost, international employers want to hire people who have international experience. The expense of relocating someone to another country is so great that employers want to minimize their risk by hiring people with a proven track record. Second, they are looking for people with language skills beyond English. Even when business is conducted

in English, they want people with sensitivity to language and culture that can only come with learning a language. At a recent conference I attended, I learned that some universities require that students who major in International Studies minor in a language. Third, employers want employees who can write clearly. Fourth, employers want employees with basic computer skills. Depending on the field, other skills may be necessary, but those four things are the constants which international employment requires.

Please note that employers do not focus on hiring people from any particular major. Those four constants can be achieved by people majoring in just about anything, so International Studies is just one very good path. Although International Studies is the only major on campus which requires a study abroad, students of any major can work one into their studies. Another note: those four constants are highly attractive to domestic employers as well. All employers want flexible and adaptive employees.

If you think you want to pursue an international career, get started. Attend a Study Abroad General Session hosted by the Office of International Programs — they'll have two more sessions this semester. Rather than tell you when they will be, I'll encourage you to visit their Web site (www.nmu.edu/ipo), and while you do so, check out the incredible opportunities available to NMU students all over the world. Worried about money? Get paid during your international experience. To see an opportunity which pays for your travel, your room and board, your health insurance, and over a \$1000 a month to teach English, click the "Let's Talk" button in the Korean section of this page: <http://webb.nmu.edu/InternationalPrograms/SiteSections/StudyAbroad/ChoosingProgram/Asia.shtml>. Another great opportunity: on April 1 at 6 p.m. in 3301 Hedgcock a Peace Corps representative will give an information session. International Employers love people who have been in the Peace Corps. And don't forget us in Modern Languages and Literatures — we're here to help.

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ASNMU should not advocate for marijuana



Guest Column

Brian Wildey

These past few weeks Associated Students of NMU (ASNMU) has been asking Northern students for their opinion on whether or not the issue of decriminalizing marijuana in the city of Marquette is something that the organization should pursue.

As a group created to further students' well-being and interests on campus, it is not the place of ASNMU to go further with any sort of drive to decriminalize mar-

ijuana. By considering organizing a ballot initiative, ASNMU is overstepping its bounds and jumping into changing city code for Marquette. The common defense to this type of point is that ASNMU is carrying out the wishes of the student body and that decriminalization would affect students. This is absolutely true; the decriminalization of marijuana would indeed affect the students of NMU, but not in any educational or on-campus capacity.

The plan calls for Marquette to have a system pertaining to marijuana such as Ann Arbor has, where possession of marijuana would be a civil infraction fine of roughly \$25 and be in a similar category as receiving a speeding ticket. This is all fine and dandy,

but it still does not affect the campus in any way, shape, form or matter.

The University of Michigan still follows the pre-existing guidelines regarding the possession of marijuana. On U of M's campus, it is unlawful to possess, use, manufacture or distribute illicit drugs. If a student is caught doing so, then that student can be punished under all laws applicable to the situation. This is potentially the situation that would happen here at Northern.

Even though the university grounds fall within the city limits of Marquette, the university does not automatically have to follow the decriminalization change because it is still able to set university-wide drug policies and

enforce them according to federal or state law through its own deputized public safety system. If ASNMU wants to go ahead and try to change policies regarding marijuana, it would make more sense for a campus organization to attempt to change campus marijuana policy rather than Marquette city code.

ASNMU contributes extensively to the student body through activities such as lobbying extensively for higher education funding, keeping the Dozing Discounts plan up and running, starting the bike share program and keeping on top of issues that are directly related to the university. But by pursuing a Marquette city ballot initiative, ASNMU is straying from its focus of helping students with academic pursuits and cam-

pus-related activities and is taking a step in the direction of becoming just another organization with a social agenda.

Should marijuana be decriminalized? Perhaps. If a group of students wishes to organize with surrounding community members and assemble a ballot initiative without the ASNMU label on the group, then I would have no qualms with it. The issue here is the line between being a Northern student and being a resident of Marquette has become blurred in the eyes of ASNMU staff. Let's un-blur the line a little bit and make students and their elected leaders realize they need to differentiate between issues that affect us as students and those issues that are simply part of our personal lives.

Students should stop buying fast food



Staff Column

Trevor Pellerite

Imagine that you're hungry and have only \$5 in your wallet. What's the solution? For most, it's McDonald's, Burger King or another fast food chain. These restaurants offer an inexpensive and quick option for breakfast, lunch, dinner or anything in between. Cheap and fast is a perfect choice, right? Perhaps not.

There is a problem with what restaurants like McDonald's and Burger King are doing, and it isn't unhealthy eating. It transcends obesity and animal rights. Instead, it involves the very nature of the food we consume and the way it is produced, processed and prepared. Fast food has changed

the way America gets its food, and certainly not for the better. College students are a part of the problem and can just as easily be a part of the solution.

One of the most common things to see on a McDonald's marquee is their famous claim 'Over 1 billion served.' It takes a lot of raw product to serve burgers to a billion people, and the origin of those materials is at the heart of the problem.

Those burgers require beef, which comes from cows, which are raised on farms. Or at least they used to be. Traditionally, beef cattle are fed a grass-based diet and allowed to mature in a pasture. In order to meet increasing demands for beef, large producers switched over to a feedlot format. A feed lot may contain thousands of cows, all living in a relatively confined space. The cattle are fed a corn-based diet that allows them to fatten to slaughter

weight in 14 months as opposed to the 18-24 months required for cattle to fatten in pastures.

Unfortunately, cattle are not meant to survive on corn. It can cause digestive issues which lead to the growth of harmful bacteria in the digestive tracts. Despite heavy doses of antibiotics, which are also controversial, cows still develop these bacteria. When those cows are slaughtered and cleaned and turned into ground beef for burgers, some of those bacteria can end up in the final product. According to a 1996 study conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 7.5 percent of ground beef samples tested contained salmonella. Various other microbes were discovered, including Listeria, which can make people dangerously ill.

One of the most dangerous bacteria for cows to develop is E. coli. A 2000 USDA study found that on average, one percent of

cattle contain the E. coli bacteria, and the number could reach as high as 50 percent during the summer. One percent of feedlot cows may not sound like a serious issue, but according to the book Fast Food Nation by Eric Schlosser, one animal infected with E. coli can contaminate 32,000 pounds of ground beef. This is because the ground beef that goes into fast food burgers can contain meat from literally thousands of beef cows.

In the 1996 study, the USDA found that 78.6 percent of the samples contained microbes that are spread primarily by fecal matter. Fecal and bacterial contamination of meat stems from the feedlot format. Cattle stand, eat and sleep in the same area where they eliminate. An average slaughterhouse processes thousands of cows per day, a rate that is not conducive to careful processing. This careless and rushed

handling leads to the potential for contamination.

This potential is not simply hypothetical, either. In 1993, there was an outbreak of E. coli in the Western United States after people ate undercooked burgers from Jack in the Box restaurants. Four children died as a result.

It is time for us to examine what we value in our society. Our recent demands for quantity and rapidity have bred a system that inherently puts us at risk. Our search for a quick-fix meal became so desperate that our solution casts aside safety and basic biology. If we want to live in a society where we can feel confident and secure, we need to start changing this system. College students may not have a direct voice in most political forums, but we vote with our dollars. Next time, rethink the fast food burger and show businesses what you value in your food.

Sound Off

What would you do if you saw a ghost?



Samantha Mueller
freshman,
graphic communications

"I'm down with Casper."



Katie Olson
senior,
English Writing

"I'd probably fall back asleep."



Maggy Steiner
sophomore,
cosmetics

"I wouldn't believe my eyes"



Brandee Peterson
junior,
management

"I would stare and be stuck."



Matt Leon
freshman,
undeclared

"I would yell and run around."

Prom rules aren't a good cause for a lawsuit



Guest Column

John Mercer

Recently, in Fulton, Miss., Constance McMillan filed a lawsuit against the Itawamba County School District, with the help of the American Civil Liberties Union; for cancelling the senior prom. The suit alleges that the school board has violated McMillan's First Amendment rights by not allowing her to bring her girlfriend to the prom as her date and prohibiting her from wearing a tuxedo. Rather than accepting the school's position, McMillan demanded that the school renounce their current stance and support her expression of sexuality. In a letter released to the press, the school

board announced they were cancelling their sponsorship of the prom, stating the situation was becoming a distraction to the educational process.

I'm just like every other American with an affinity for my constitutional rights. Perhaps McMillan's civil rights have been violated by the school's actions. However, a lawsuit that takes school administrators' time away from their educational duties and spends thousands of dollars in taxpayers' money over a prom is completely unnecessary.

There is no reason for the ACLU to be involved in this matter. They have no grounds to demand that the school pay for the students prom. It seems that every time there is a disagreement these days, in comes the ACLU filing a lawsuit. The ACLU wastes hundreds of thousands of dollars of taxpayer

money every year grinding the wheels of the legal system. Last year an ACLU lawsuit in Denver regarding police brutality cost the taxpayers over \$570,000 in court fees. Over the last five years the ACLU has collected over \$10 million in damages from American taxpayers.

If the school is footing the bill for the prom, they should determine the perimeters of conduct that guests will conduct themselves with on their dime. I recall my senior prom; there were lots of rules. Students couldn't bring alcohol or drugs, there were enforced dress codes, and dates couldn't dance too closely or act promiscuously. Any students not adhering to these rules were removed or banned from the prom. I don't recall any students filing law suits against our school because we couldn't invoke our First Amendment rights to freely express our sexuality.

I'm certain nobody filed lawsuits because there was a dress code and they couldn't dress however they pleased, regardless of how distasteful. Yet here is an 18-year-old girl demanding an educational institution accept her lifestyle and make concessions to her, regardless of how uncomfortable it makes anyone else involved. Meanwhile, a couple hundred other high school kids who are willing to follow the rules set forth by the institution funding their night of privilege are denied their prom because one girl disagrees with the policies of the school board.

I'm confused as to why this girl couldn't simply follow a dress code. As a young person, McMillan could use this situation to affirm the fact that life is not fair. Sometimes people are not going to accept your lifestyle decisions; that's just part of life.

This isn't really a case of in-

tolerance at all. The school issued a list of criteria for prom dates, none of which are being attacked by any other students. Yet McMillan and the ACLU take issue with one requirement: dates be of opposite sex. The fact is the school board can't cater to the lifestyle of every student.

Teens often go to the prom in groups of same-sex friends or even by themselves. This was not prohibited by the school. McMillan and her girlfriend could have gone to the prom as "friends," and adhered to the dress code. They would have been able to enjoy the prom and the rest of her classmates would not have been affected. But instead of making a conservative decision, McMillan and the ACLU have elected to blow the situation out of proportion and make it national media frenzy, even if it's at the expense of every other student in the school.

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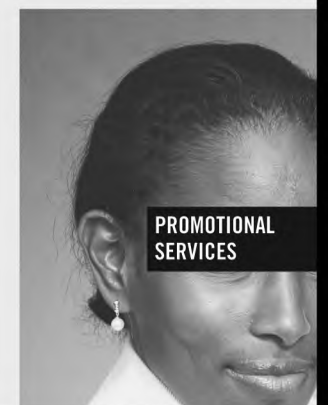
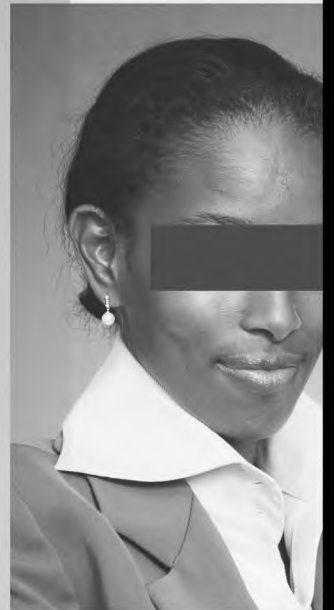
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As a young child, she was subjected to female genital mutilation. As she grew up, she embraced Islam and strove to live as a devout **Muslim**, but she began to question aspects of her faith. Her willingness to **SPEAK OUT** and her abandonment of the Muslim faith have made her a target for violence by Islamic extremists, forcing her to live with round-the-clock security.



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Indie band headlines on Northern's campus

By Lucy Hough
editor in chief

First Aid Productions (FAP) had a hard time finding a band to commit to coming to Northern this winter. Of all the possible bands they hoped to bring, among them Tokyo Police Club and the Fall of Troy, Rogue Wave has been on the list for years.

"We got them, we sunk our claws in, and we're dragging them up here," said Leon Katona, a junior biology major and production manager for FAP.

The concert, to be held in the Great Lakes Room at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 27, will also include We Love Cats, a local band, and Laarks, from Wisconsin.

"I am experiencing an extreme case of cabin fever," said Katona, "and (Rogue Wave) is very sunny and California. I'm excited for it. It's going to be a wonderful evening."

Rogue Wave is a contemporary "indie" band that has achieved national recognition, most recently having played on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon on Tuesday, March 22 to promote their newest album.

Jordan Buzzy, FAP president and senior sociology and photography major, described the music of Rogue Wave as "a little more progressive. Some of

their stuff is straight rock, some of it is more ambient or spacious sounding, some people describe it as feel-good, some people say it's more contemplative: it has a very open feel to it."

The versatility and relative popularity of Rogue Wave is what Buzzy said is likely to bring audiences.

"The nice thing about our group and bands like this is that you may only recognize one song, but what a great opportunity to get to know a band when you can go in a personal setting and have a concert at your university," Buzzy said.

Rogue Wave released a new CD, "Permalight," earlier this month that a member of the band called "visceral" in a recent blog entry, saying that those who listen to it should "wear a good pair of shoes" because of its upbeat nature. Spin Magazine calls the album "a jarring, but refreshing, makeover," from the former sound of the band.

Justine Koglin, a sophomore psychology major who has been listening to Rogue Wave for years, said that she really likes the band's new album. Having been a long-time fan, she was excited to find out that they were coming to Northern.

"I thought it was really cool because it's something different, it's not mainstream, it's some-

thing to expand people's tastes in music, and I think it's important to raise (a) band's popularity. I just think it's really exciting," Koglin said.

Koglin recognizes that Rogue Wave isn't well known but hopes those who enjoy the band will come out for the show.

"I think it's going to bring a lot of people with good taste in music together," Koglin said.

One of FAP's missions is to bring bands that are lesser known, according to Katona, to fill in the vast category that is not filled by Northern Arts and Entertainment or the Hip Hop Coalition. Katona feels Rogue Wave fills that range well.

"I think they are almost mainstream," Katona said. "They're the band that people have heard of, but they don't know they've heard of them."

Buzzy hopes the community will come out to show their support for Rogue Wave because of the unique environment.

"It's a matter of community," Buzzy said. "Get together, hang out, there's a lot of great people there. First Aid runs the show, so it's not like you have hired out guards standing around watching you: it's just your friends and fellow students. It's a good opportunity to just get involved, have a good time, meet people and hang out with your friends."

Rogue Wave albums out now



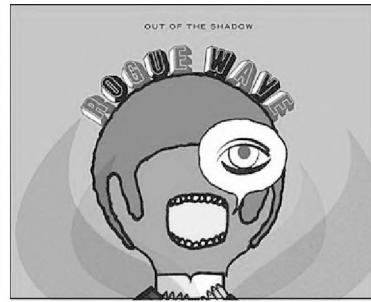
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Artist: Rogue Wave
Label: Sub Pop
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Artist: Rogue Wave
Label: Sub Pop
Tracks: 12
Release: July 13, 2004

Below: Members of Rogue Wave inexplicably pose for a publicity photo with a goat. The band will appear at NMU Sat. March 27 in the Great Lakes room of the U.C.

Photo courtesy of Rogue Wave



Professor of the Paranormal to speak on ghosts

By Charlie Steen
staff writer

When most people hear a door slamming or footsteps around their home, they'll more than likely attribute it to an old house settling, the wind blowing or the machinations of an overactive mind. But sometimes these unexplainable events just may be the cause of something from beyond the grave.

To help solve these mysteries, Loyd Auerbach, (aka Professor Paranormal), will be talking about his experience in the field of parapsychology and all things paranormal.

Auerbach grew up interested in the paranormal and cites comic books and science fiction as part of what has influenced him throughout the years. Having written several books as well as obtaining a post-graduate education in parapsychology and the paranormal, Auerbach's upcoming speech will attempt to explain what he referred to as the incredible mysteries that happen to human being.

"The question in parapsychology is what is really going on and how can we solve it," Auerbach said. "The main goal is to help the living (and) to explain what is going on."

Although not everyone is quick to believe Auerbach and his investigations, he is often able to help families become content with their ghost after they understand what is going on.

"Most cases are successful," Auerbach said. "We don't have many cases where we leave the family in fear."

The fear factor often attributed to ghosts and the idea that they are not wanted around is not necessarily true and very media driven.

"The media drives up the fear of ghosts, which is very unfortunate," Auerbach said. "Ghost experiences suggest that there is life after death, which is a positive thing."

The media is not only a driving factor of fear, but of false ghost hunts. Auerbach has actually had some of his own facts changed by producers for the sake of entertainment.

"Never take what you see on television as realistic," Auerbach said. "It often is portraying what's done by amateur groups who don't know any better. During an investigation, you don't turn off the lights. If you turn off the lights, your observational skills are greatly reduced."

Auerbach said that sometimes 30 to 40 hours of documented work can be cut down into an eight-minute television segment.

During his lecture, Auerbach will be presenting photo, video and audio evidence, and will also discuss how his field work and investigations are done from a scientific point of view. He will also be discussing some of his more memorable cases.

"One of the cases felt like I had a friendship with the ghost," Auerbach said. "She had walked through me several times."

The ghost he speaks of has allegedly shown up at a few events, and a few of Auerbach's friends have contacted him on behalf of the ghost.

Bringing Auerbach to campus is NMU's own Paranormal Research Team, which has been investigating alleged local apparitions and notifying the public of their findings since 2004.

"We feel it is our duty to inform the public of paranormal activity that is going on," said PRT Chairman, Matt Kohls.

The PRT does what they can to get involved with the community; from the haunted tours they provide every October to full on investigations they do with fellow team members using their full range of technology. They take a very down to earth approach when trying to prove why a place isn't haunted.

"Most of the equipment we get ourselves," Kohls said. "Most of our funding comes from our haunted tours."

An Electromagnetic Field (EMF) detector is a piece of technology often used by the PRT.

"What that is able to do is find these magnetic fields, and that's used to figure out if a place is not haunted," Kohls said. "The symptoms people feel in magnetic fields are the same from a haunting."

Also used are four infrared cameras hooked up to a DVR system, digital cameras and any kind of voice recorder, although there is some debate on whether digital or tape is better because the tapes are magnetic. "We've gotten clear EVP's from both," Kohls said.

"We base all our findings on things that can be measured. We try to take a very scientific approach," Kohls said. "It's really nice to have a team, because if you can't think of something, someone else might be able to. It's like the saying, 'When you eliminate the impossible, whatever's left must be the truth.'"

As a result from many investigations the group has come across several apparitions, occasionally getting recorded electronic voice phenomenon (EVP). The PRT has recorded events of everything from ghosts saying the names of those present, to where a ghost has gone so far as to physically interact with the people involved.

"It shocks you. You get excited," Kohls said. "It's really fun to get clear EVP's."

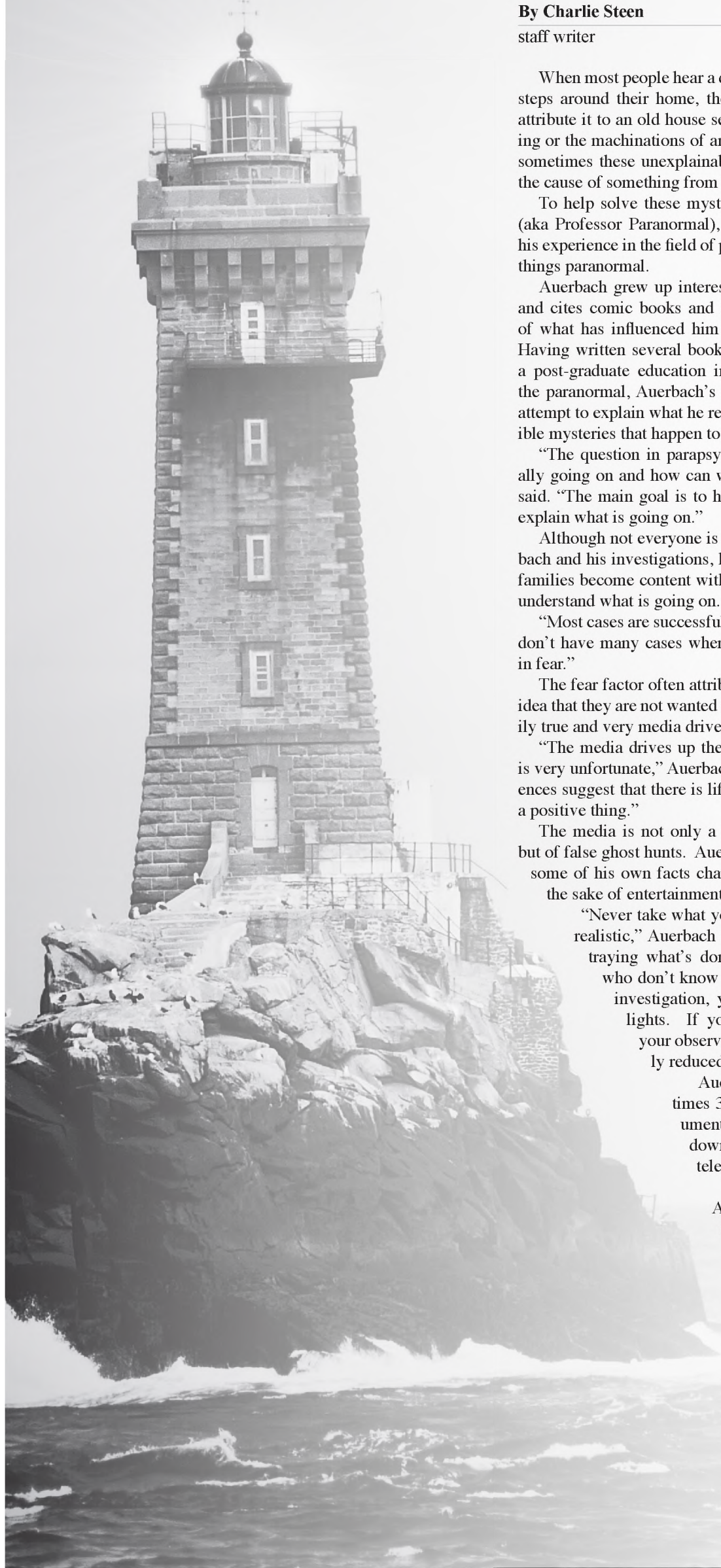
Even though one might think that there are only so many places to investigate here in Marquette, the team doesn't appear to be having any shortages on places that people are curious about.

"We try to investigate a few times a semester and also try to do one or two training investigations for new members and to keep up current members skills," Kohls said.

The team has investigated many local mysteries including the Landmark Inn and NMU's own Thomas Fine Arts building, where in the 1980's, a janitor named Perry had a heart attack in the elevator. The PRT has also traveled as far as Whitefish to conduct investigations.

The PRT doesn't just investigate and inform people of the paranormal; every year the group brings a speaker to campus. This year, they are proud to present Loyd Auerbach as Professor Paranormal.

The lecture will take place Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in Jamrich 102 and is free of charge. Students should come prepared with any questions they might have.



The Hauntings of Marquette

If the stories of Loyd Auerbach are not enough to fill your ghostly fixes, there are several places that are rumored to be haunted here in Marquette, many of which are located on NMU's campus.

Jamrich Hall

In the Control Room of lecture hall 102 in Jamrich Hall, there have been several reportings of people seeing the face of a young woman in the window. The face has been seen on several occasions during and after film screenings. A current rumor is that it is the ghost of a former nursing student who is watching after the wall where nursing students have recorded their names before graduation.

Halverson Hall

Another NMU haunting is room 304 of Halverson Hall where it is rumored that the student who lived there hanged themselves from their loft. Payne Hall is also rumored to be haunted by the person it is named after, Lucille Payne. She apparently just likes to move things around on people.

Orphanage

Outside of campus there are also several places that are alleged to be haunted. Perhaps the most popular one is the old city orphanage. Many people may think the rumors surrounding the orphanage are quite gruesome. Some of the kids were allegedly beaten and killed. It is even rumored that a nun beat and killed a boy, and to avoid punishment, buried him in the local cemetery.

Source: www.theshadowlands.net/places/michigan.htm



Thursday, March 25 2010

*Candidates without information did not respond before the set deadline

President

One open seat



T.J. Weber

junior
marketing, concentration in economics

Editor in Chief of the Political Review, ASNMU Academic Affairs Chair, State of Michigan Standards Committee Chair, Model United Nations

This year, T.J. Weber has worked closely with Jason Morgan, the current ASNMU president, on the ASNMU board, giving him the experience he feels is necessary to be an effective president next semester.

"I have a clear leadership record of results, clear record of getting things done, I've been working very closely with Jason Morgan all year, I know the ropes, and I think I can bring a lot of good things to students," Weber said.

Weber strongly believes that it is the students who know what changes need to be made, and he intends to make a genuine effort to hear out what the students want and make students' voices heard throughout the university. He plans to put student representatives on all university committees and make ASNMU representatives hold at least one office hour per week in a public area to make it easier for students to approach ASNMU about what concerns them.

"If you have (representatives) out there answering questions, it'll hold them responsible for their decisions," Weber said, hoping this will make it easier for students to know what's going on with their student government.

Weber's insistence on hearing out students' opinions is something he has done throughout the year as an ASNMU general studies representative and has found that to be the most effective way to represent his constituents.

"I've been talking with people all year and taking questions, that's why I've acted on a lot of the things I've acted on. And that's something that I'm going to continue," Weber said. "I've heard a lot of good ideas on my campaign stops and listening does a lot more than just telling people what's going on."

Weber feels students can elect him because his experience speaks volumes and makes him the best candidate.

"There's a ton of things that need to be done, with the right leadership they can easily be done," Weber said.



Lucia Lopez

junior
electronic journalism

Student Finance Committee, Latin American Student Association, Model United Nations

Lucia Lopez wants things to be different. Lopez said that she is running for ASNMU president because she wants the organization to return to its roots and work for the students.

"I'm here to help them. My goal is to do what the students want, not to do something useless," she said.

Lopez, who is running with Courtney Russell, said that the impetus for their campaign came out of a desire to see the students truly represented.

"I feel that the students hadn't been adequately represented before," Lopez said. "I feel that with my leadership experience and my lovely vice president, we can strip away the politics and actually advocate for the students."

Having ASNMU representatives hold their office hours in more public places and posting those hours is one way to make students comfortable with the organization, said Lopez.

"I want ASNMU to work for the students, instead of them being two different groups," she said.

Other goals that Lopez has said she will work on if elected include establishing a 24-hour study lounge for students and working more closely with the Board of Trustees and administration officials. She also said that she would focus on surveys and polls so that ASNMU can always work towards what students want.

"ASNMU should be the prime advocacy organization for the students. It doesn't matter what I think, it should be what the students think," Lopez said. "ASNMU should reflect that and push for what the majority of the students want."

Lopez said that said that ASNMU accessibility and visibility would be improved if she were elected.

"I am here any time. I am fully committed to being president. I would want you to come to me and your representatives," she said.

Vice President

One open seat



Travis Crowe

sophomore
political science

Transfer Student Ambassador, Ethnic and Cultural Committee, Student Organization Liaison

Travis Crowe understands what it takes to be ASNMU vice president.

"The job of vice president is a lot of hours, a lot of grief and it's not always a lot of fun. But I think I'm very well suited for the job solely based on my experience and my desire to help out the students that I love to represent."

Crowe, a college of arts and sciences representative for ASNMU, said he has a passion for representing students. He believes in grass-roots activism, talking face-to-face with students about the issues that are affecting them and will encourage ASNMU representatives to take this approach when addressing the needs of their constituents.

"It is this face-to-face connection that people make that can really make a difference when you multiply it," Crowe said.

If elected, Crowe plans to ensure that a representative will attend student organizations and house government meetings in order to really hear what's affecting students. He believes this is the most effective way to learn how students are actually feeling. Also, connections he has with administration will make it easier for him to make sure student interests are being addressed.

"I have no problem telling people exactly how I feel if it's in the good name of our students," Crowe said.

Crowe intends to fill the ASNMU board, as head of the appointment committee if vice president, as soon as possible in order to make sure that ASNMU's voice is versatile and as effective as possible.

"We need a lot of diversity and a lot of opinions to make sure that we get some really strong ideas going to represent what students want," Crowe said.



Courtney Russell

junior
outdoor recreation and leadership management

Resident Adviser in Halverson Hall

In her bid for the ASNMU vice presidency, Courtney Russell is advocating for changes to the organization.

"I felt that I could make a change, that I could make a difference," she said. "Living in the dorms I feel that a lot of students don't know who ASNMU is or what they do. There could be some changes to the way that it is run. I think that it is important that that change happens."

Russell said that she is different from the rest of the candidates because she would come to the position directly from the student body and not from ASNMU itself.

"I listen to everyone. I don't have bias. I'm not here to take over ASNMU ... I'm not here to make decisions without talking to the student body," she said.

Working on improving student parking and establishing a 24-hour study lounge are just two of the goals that Russell and her running mate Lucia Lopez plan to work on if elected.

She also said that it is important for ASNMU to work closely with the administration for the benefit of the students.

Russell said that she feels students should be comfortable speaking with their ASNMU representatives.

"I know a lot about Northern, I've been here for a few years now. I'm approachable (and students) can talk to me about anything, and if they have a question, just come ask," Russell said.

"Nothing is too small, from better toilet paper in the bathrooms to tuition prices. No goal is too small to reach and no issue is too small to deal with."

Off Campus Rep. Eight open seats



Kim Martino
senior
environmental science

Marquette Sister Cities
Advisory Committee,
Rotary Ambassadorial
Scholar, 100 Friences
NGO Intern

Why should students vote for you? I have experience working in my position. I am passionate about my life as a student at NMU and as a citizen of Marquette. Through this past semester, I have become involved in several long term projects and would like to continue working on them throughout next year.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? I believe ASNMU representatives would work more effectively if more focus was put on accomplishing specific tasks which all weave into achieving broader goals. While, to some extent, this is the current mode of operation of ASNMU, I think a higher awareness of this need and a definite plan devised by the entire assembly at the beginning of the year would make the organization as a whole more efficient. This would also help put the abundance of good intentions and hardworking members to better use.

In your opinion, what is ASNMU's proper role on this campus? ASNMU's role is to be as active and representative as possible. The greater our capacity to be present throughout university committees, to be in communication with offices and departments, to act on behalf of students, the more effectively we can engage the campus.



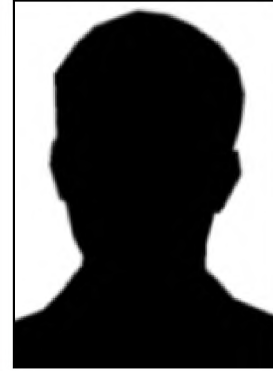
Aaron Loudenslager
sophomore
political science

Political Review Staff
Writer, North Wind Guest
Columnist

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I decided to run for ASNMU because I have always been interested in the politics and wanted to represent my fellow classmates. I think many things can be done at NMU better than how they are being done at the present. I don't think that the present on-campus judicial system is working. Students often don't know their legal rights and it seems the burdens of proof in these legal proceedings are quite minimal. This makes it quite hard to prove you are innocent compared to a real court of law.

How will you adequately represent your constituency? I will hold two office hours a week on-campus and will hold one office hour off of campus somewhere yet to be determined. Students can always visit me during these hours to voice their concerns and opinions so I can better represent them. They are also more than welcome to e-mail me or find me on Facebook.

In your opinion, what is ASNMU's proper role on this campus? The students ultimately decide what role ASNMU plays on campus. I think ASNMU's role is to fight and advocate for what students want. If students want marijuana decriminalized in Marquette or making sure they are treated fairly by local law enforcement then it is ASNMU's job to try to make these things happen the best we can.



Justin Brugman
junior
political science

College Democrats,
ASNMU Chair of the
Assembly

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I'm on the board right now, and I want to make sure some of the programs we're working on that are in the crucial stages (Bike-Share) continue on.

Why should students vote for you? I have the experience and leadership; I'm currently the Chair of the Assembly right now. I will stand up for students during times when cuts may be made, to make sure that critical programs that are necessary for students do not get cut.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? Getting constitutes to know of representatives' office hours. I think this takes a little more creative work from me, since Off-Campus students are harder to communicate things to, but I'd hold some of my office hours in an area where there's more student traffic, and I would put up posters letting people know I'm their representative and how they could contact me.

How will you adequately represent your constituency? I'll make sure that I not only have office hours in the ASNMU office but also hold some of my office hours in the Starbucks Lounge and other places where students could easily spot me and tell me any concerns they have.



Alex Wellman
junior
political science

NMU College
Libertarians

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I would like to hold ASNMU accountable for their actions and finances. I would also like to see ASNMU to be more transparent and publicize what happens in the meetings and what they are working on. I would also like to improve the communications between students and ASNMU to find out what they want to see done both on campus and off.

Why should students vote for you? Students should vote for me because I know who comes first, and that's the students. I want to take the waste out of ASNMU and prove to the students that it can actually function as a very beneficial body advocating for students. Too many times I have seen voices gone unheard on this campus and I intend to start a spark in students to be concerned about what goes on at the university and remind students that they are the customer.

How will you adequately represent your constituency? I am from the Upper Peninsula and have many friends who drive everyday to campus. We need to understand that this is traditionally a commuter university and that there is life outside of the dorms. I would also like to make off campus students feel more welcome in campus activities such as homecoming events which are specifically oriented toward residents of the dorms.



Dani Thoune
junior
special education and art
education

One Book One Com-
munity, Student Leader
Fellowship Program,
Superior Edge

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I have already been on the ASNMU general assembly for two full years and have contributed a lot to the success we have found.

Why should students vote for you? I feel strongly about off campus student rights and will do what I can to make sure our voices are heard.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? I think there needs to be more contributions from all of the members of the board which is only achievable when the board is comfortable with each other.

In your opinion, what is ASNMU's proper role on this campus? We need to be a strong voice for students through any means possible.

**Not featured:
Benjamin Stanley**

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College of Business Rep.

One open seat



Alysa Diebolt
junior
marketing

Student Leader Fellowship Program, Superior Edge, American Marketing Association, Students in Free Enterprise, Dean's Student Advisory Council for the College of Business,

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I really enjoy being involved on campus. And I've come to the point that if I want to see something changed, instead of sitting back and hoping someone else will think of my idea and get the work done, I should just get involved and do what needs to be done myself. If I am a part of the process, I know I'll be more satisfied with my time here at NMU.

Why should students vote for you? Students should vote for me because I am not only a business student; I am a community member, a successful artist, and a dedicated person. I am able to see both sides of the picture. I am a business student, something that requires me to be very technical, but I am also an artist, something that I am passionate about and allows me to be completely nontechnical.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? I think that something that needs to change is getting more students to come forward with their opinions. I know that students are incredibly opinionated and have something to say about everything going on around campus. If more students would come to ASNMU with their opinion, then ASNMU will be able to know what the students want and will do their part in making changes.

Down Campus Rep.

Three open seats



Drew Janego
freshman
political science major

ASNMU Director of External Affairs, NMU College Democrats

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I wanted to run for ASNMU to make sure that students' voices are being heard. Too often student's voices are not heard by administration or those working in Lansing. I am dedicated to make sure that students are properly represented.

Why should students vote for you? Students should vote for me because I am someone who is dedicated to the rights of students. I love the work that I have done with ASNMU, and I would love to continue working on behalf of students. I will continue to make sure that they have a great representation on the NMU campus.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? I feel like there is a lack of communication right now between ASNMU and the students of NMU. I would like to work on increasing communication by attending more meetings with my constituents, such as hall government meetings.

In your opinion, what is ASNMU's proper role on this campus? I think that the proper role of ASNMU is to advocate for students, both to administration and down in Lansing. Advocating for students and making sure their voices are heard is a huge priority.

Professional Studies Rep.

Four open seats



Jessica Persaud
sophomore
pre-radiography major

Women for Women, Native American Student Association, Superior Edge, House/Hall Government

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I truly think I can do a great job representing the College of Professional Studies and other students as well.

Why should students vote for you? I want to bring students' voice to ASNMU and will do what I can to get everyone's opinion heard.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? All students should be comfortable voicing their opinion without feeling intimidated. I want students to see that we are also just students and get to know us as people, not just their 'government.'

In your opinion, what is ASNMU's proper role on this campus? To speak to behalf of all 9,000 students and get their opinion before they speak.

Graduate Studies Rep.

One open seat



Vanessa Thibado
graduate student
M.S. in biology

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Graduate Association President, ASNMU representative for the Committee for Undergraduate Programs

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? As the President of the Graduate Student Association, I think it is important for graduate students to have representation in the student government. Many of the issues affecting graduate students are unique and ASNMU offers a good platform for addressing topics such as Teaching Assistant stipends, health insurance, and parking passes. I am also very interested in current lobbying efforts for higher education at the State Capitol.

Why should students vote for you? In addition to being an active member of the graduate student community, I received my undergraduate degree from NMU. Having been here for five years, I am familiar with issues affecting academics at Northern and campus life for undergraduates and graduate students alike. I think that while my first goal is to accurately represent graduate student interests, I can also give sound insight on many topics affecting undergraduates at Northern.

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Arts & Sciences Rep.

Four open seats



Zach Fix
sophomore
pre-law

Model United Nations
Vice-President, All Student
Judiciary, College
Libertarians, Looney Bin
House President

Why should students vote for you? I am dedicated and hardworking. I make a point of taking my personal views aside and hearing what students want.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? Hearing student's voices before ASNMU decides to make a statement. This would be easy to do all that needs to be done is for rep.'s to have better dialog with their constituents.

How will you adequately represent your constituency? This year I have tried to make it to as many hall and house government meetings as possible, in order to hear what students think.

In your opinion, what is ASNMU's proper role on this campus? ASNMU's proper role on campus is first and foremost student advocacy. We need to work as student's voices. We need to be the bridge between students and ether the administration here or in Lansing.

Not featured:
Michael Skrobeck

General Studies Rep.

Two open seats



Jordan Brooks
sophomore
undeclared

NMU College Democrats

Why did you decide to run for ASNMU? I decided to run for ASNMU to aid in the representation of students of NMU. I feel like more could be done on both the student and faculty sides to improve our university.

Why should students vote for you? Students should vote for me because I am just like them: a student. I want to see our rights given the attention they deserve.

What is one thing that needs improvement in ASNMU, and how would you work to make that change? I think ASNMU is a wonderful organization, but it has much farther to go with faculty relations. Obviously, I would do my best to keep in constant communication with those I represent and the faculty here at NMU.

In your opinion, what is ASNMU's proper role on this campus? To act in the best interest of the students of Northern Michigan University.

Not featured:
Jordan Neal

Ballot Initiatives

The following ballot initiatives will appear on the April 7 and 8 ballot. Students will be able to vote for or against each initiative.

Initiative #1

Do you support a \$1.98 increase to the Student Activity Fee for ASNMU to pay the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Assembly Chair? These positions are currently paid through the NMU General Fund; but those funds are slated to be cut in proposed budget decreases. By voting YES for this question you vote to increase the Student Activity Fee by \$1.98. By voting NO for this question you vote to keep ASNMU's allocation as it is currently.

Initiative #2

Do you support a \$0.19 increase to the Student Activity Fee for the North Wind to meet labor and supply costs? This increase is necessary due to a budget deficit caused by reduced advertisement sales. By voting YES for this question you vote to increase the Student Activity Fee by \$0.19. By

voting NO for this question you vote to keep the North Wind's allocation as it is currently.

Initiative #3

Do you support a \$0.70 increase to the Student Activity Fee for Radio X to purchase a digital FM transmitter and relocate the transmitter to a new location? By voting YES for this question you vote to increase the Student Activity Fee by \$0.70. By voting NO for this question you vote to keep Radio X's allocation as it is currently.

Initiative #4

Do you support creating a Campus Recreation Pass? This pass, if created, would allow students access to all recreational opportunities on campus, including, but not limited to:

- Additional/upgraded exercise equipment and free use of outdoor equipment (e.g., canoes, kayaks, tents, skis, snowshoes, etc.)
- Extended PEIF hours and additional fitness classes

- New opportunities for student employment, internships, and graduate assistantships
- Renovation and expansion of saunas
- Free intramural sports participation and expanded club sports opportunities

This pass would be a \$50.00 charge per semester as part of your tuition. If created, the Campus Recreation Pass will replace the PEIF pass. This increase would apply to all students enrolled in six or more credits (four or more credits for graduate students). By voting YES for this question you vote to support the creation of a Campus Recreation Pass.* By voting NO for this question you vote to oppose the creation of a Campus Recreation Pass.*

*This is a non-binding vote (i.e., a majority "YES" or "NO" vote will not guarantee the creation or non-creation, respectively, of a Campus Recreation Pass by the NMU Board of Trustees; other considerations will also be utilized).

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Chili challenge holds ninth annual event

By Delaney Lovett
staff writer

Sausage, bleu cheese, venison, squash, kangaroo and chocolate are not the typical ingredients a person would choose in order to make that perfect bowl of chili, but these are examples of what will be found when the Culinary Students of NMU (CSNMU) host their ninth annual Chili Challenge on Tuesday, March 30. The competition will allow U.P. chefs and amateurs to show off their favorite chili recipe and attempt to win a prize.

About 12 different chili recipes will be judged and awards will be given to the Best Overall, Most Original and Best Use of Heat. Those who attend and sample each chili will have the opportunity to vote for the Peoples Choice Award.

"It's just kind of a fun event as we're trying to wrap up the year," said Chris Kibit, professor of technology and occupational sciences and of the hospitality management program.

Although there are contestants who return year after year to this event, recipes are rarely repeated.

"In the eight years I've been in-

involved, every year we have a different mix and different styles of chili," Kibit said.

NMU's Chili Challenge is well-known for acquiring a wide variety of recipes such as breakfast chili, kangaroo chili, white chili with chicken and tex-mex chili.

"It gives (culinary students) a fun venue to promote what we do with food," said Kibit.

Ashley Ellis, a senior hospitality management major and president of CSNMU, is responsible for promoting the Chili Challenge and explaining to the judges what they need to do and how to evaluate each chili.

This year's judges include Nathan Mileski, senior chef for dining services; Jack Lasalle, member of the NMU Board of Trustees; and Dan Zdroik, a graduate of NMU's food service management program.

"It's unique because it's actually something that we're putting on. We get to watch them do their thing and reward them," Ellis said. "We get to hang out with the chefs, too."

Ellis also views the Chili Challenge as a positive networking ex-

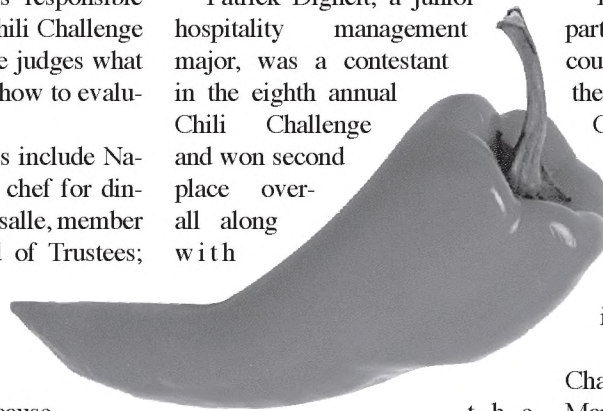
perience for culinary students.

"People are supporting us and seeing what we're doing. We meet friends through this, and they actually come and help us by volunteering," Ellis said.

Supporting CSNMU at the Chili Challenge has its benefits for Northern students, too.

"It's only \$3 for (students) to come, and they can basically get a dinner's worth of food, some from every contestant," Ellis said.

Patrick Digneit, a junior hospitality management major, was a contestant in the eighth annual Chili Challenge and won second place overall along with



the Judge's Choice award for his (tex-mex) chili that included venison, ground beef and chocolate.

"It's a fun event, and it brings a lot of the hospitality community together," Digneit said.

Digneit said he enjoys seeing everyone's background, where they came from and how they were raised, and how differences influence their recipes. For instance, Digneit said that some people who grew up in Wisconsin use noodles in their chili.

"Everyone has their own homemade recipe, and some people don't want to tell you what's in it because it's their secret recipe," Digneit said.

Digneit said that his favorite part of the Chili Challenge is, of course, eating it. He encourages the NMU community to support CSNMU by attending and sampling chili.

Digneit, who is participating again this year, said that his chili will be a surprise, but describes it as being "a little off the wall."

NMU's ninth annual Chili Challenge takes place on Tuesday, March 30 from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Jacobetti Center Commons. It costs \$3 for students with ID and \$5 for the public to attend, and cornbread and lemonade will be provided. Although the registration period has ended, anyone interested in bringing three gallons of

Chili Challenge Information

-Registration has ended, but some openings may remain. Contact Chris Kibit at ekibit@nmu.edu for more info.

-The event will take place Tuesday March 30 from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Jacobetti Center Commons.

-The price of attendance is \$3 for students and \$5 for the public.

-Cornbread and lemonade will be provided.

-Awards will be held for Best Overall Chili, Most Original and Best Use of Heat.

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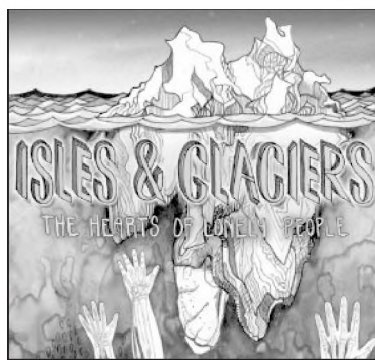
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By Charlie Steen
 staff writer

musicians that have primarily come from much heavier acts (Matt Godard of Chiodos, Nick Martin of Underminded, Vic and Mike Fuentes of Pierce The Veil, and Brian Southall Ex-Receiving End of Sirens) come together and create a very progressive sound that you really can't peg to any specific genre.

Although synthesized effects are present and quite prominent on most songs, there are moments of powerful instrumentation. After the very eerie opening instrumental that sounds as though it came from "The Nightmare Before Christmas," "Hills Like White Elephants" explodes with driving passion of drums and guitars while Owens bursts onto the record singing "These are veins of the way that we love/ These are the hearts of lonely people ripped in front of us." And, for the first 15 seconds, the sound is very reminiscent of Chiodos, and then Craig and Fuentes intertwine their unique voices into the powerful, yet subtle, instrumentals, and by the end of the second song, it

becomes clear that this is a rare sound unlike anything else out there.

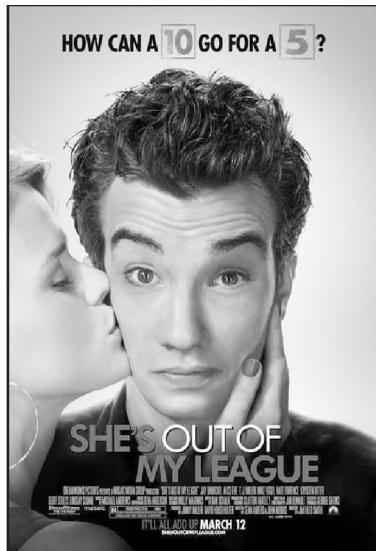
The heart and soul of this release lies within the vocal work, and it does nothing less than leave you astonished after every listen. While the instrumentation does a near perfect job of setting the mood to all the songs, Owens, Craig and Fuentes are at the top of their game and bring in their own unique style and sound, as well as their influences from previous projects. All of them working together gives the album a unique feel, a mix of different emotions, and layering effect that really brings every song to its full potential.

The only thing I have to complain about this record is that it is too short, but that is expected as it is an EP and not a full length release. The album is seven songs long, two of which are instrumental tracks leading up to full songs.

There is really nothing I can say that can put into context how well these very talented musicians work together. These seven guys have undoubtedly raised the bar of what it means to release a great record. If you are a fan of music, these are seven songs you shouldn't let slip under your radar. This underground supergroup has created an EP that is as close to perfection as one can get. It is tragic that this will quite possibly be their only release, as an album this good doesn't come around every decade.

When seven very talented and proven musicians come together to create a project, the expectations of the record are going to be set very high, especially when three unique, recognizable and talented vocalists are co-fronting the project. After waiting over a year to hear the finished product, Isles and Glaciers debut EP, "The Hearts of Lonely People," was well worth the wait.

With Craig Owens (Cinematic Sunrise, Ex-Chiodos), Jonny Craig (Emarosa, Ex-Dance Gavin Dance), and Vic Fuentes (Pierce the Veil) all sharing the duties of fronting the project, it becomes very clear early on that this project is centered around the all-star trio. The synth-laced songs take a very minimalistic approach to the instrumental side of the project. This isn't a bad thing; it's actually very impressive to hear



Film: She's Out of My League
 Director: Jim Field Smith
 Producers: Jimmy Miller, Eric L. Gold
 Writers: Sean Anders, John Morris, Timothy Dowling
 Starring: Jay Baruchel, Alice Eve
 Runtime: 105 minutes
 Rating: R

'League' not as funny as predecessors



By Brett Hilbrandt
 staff writer

Some of the best comedies to come out lately have shown the "nerd" getting the beautiful girl. "Knocked Up" showed Seth Rogen getting the one night stand most people dream of, and "Superbad" showed two nerds who end up scoring big after a wild night. This is nothing new in cinema, but these films managed to succeed because they had a great sense of humor. "She's Out of My League" does not share that same sense of creativity, but it does manage to entertain with the same basic idea.

Kirk (Baruchel) is an average man that works for TSA at the airport. His girlfriend broke up with him two years prior, and he is unable to move on. While on the job Kirk helps Molly (Eve), a beautiful and successful woman, retrieve her lost cell phone. Because of this kindness, Molly falls for him. The two begin to date, but Kirk is constantly ridiculed by his friends and family because they all say she is out of his league. Kirk attempts to prove to himself and to others that he is good enough for Molly, but when her ex-boyfriend Dylan, shows up, Kirk begins to lose faith in his ability to be the man he needs to be.

Baruchel is surprisingly good in the lead role. He's very charming and at the same time very controlled as an actor. Baruchel's ability to make you feel pity for him is impressive. Playing Molly and the sex symbol of this movie is Eve, and she pulls off most other role well. Her acting may have been underwhelming in the film's more serious moments, but during comedic scenes she was good. T. J. Miller plays the best friend role nicely and some of

his lines are hysterical. Unfortunately, in the second half of the film his character loses most of his comedic spark. Nate Torrence is the weakest actor here, as his performance is a bit overwhelming and he ruins numerous scenes with failed humor. Kyle Bornheimer plays a great ex-boyfriend role, and Lindsay Sloane made me laugh a couple times even if her acting is bad.

The plot is "League's" biggest weakness. It was far too drawn out, and the timeline of the film does not make sense. One scene shows the two beginning to fall for each other and in the next they are thoroughly in love. I really wanted more out of the entire love story. I also think "League" should have incorporated smarter humor rather than taking the easy way out with scatological comedy.

Director Jim Field Smith had the potential to make a very funny film, but he made it into an R-rated teen movie. The immature feeling throughout did not sit right, but when they broke away from pubic hair shaving scenes and other idiotic situations, a decent job was done.

If the plot was uninspired then the music was downright appalling. Every licensed rock song they chose to incorporate hurt this film. The poor choice of highly over-played music made this film seem cheap and out of date. The other large problem I had was the loud music during scenes of serious dialogue. I have noticed this problem a lot lately in the movies made for a younger audience and incorporating it here ruins any sense of emotion from the script.

"League" ultimately offers a mixed bag. It doesn't do anything not seen in numerous comedic films, but it does carry a certain charm. If a film is needed for a date night then you could do worse than "League," but for all other reasons this is just a rental.

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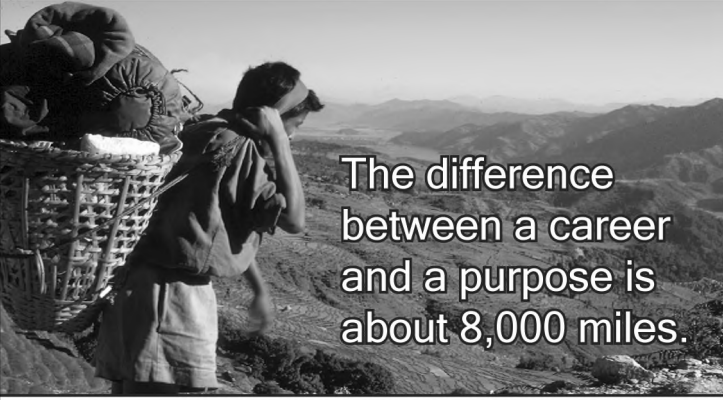
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Wildcats take second in CCHA tourney

'Cats fall to Wolverines in final game, earn No. 3 seed in NCAA's

By Trevor Pellerite
 sports editor

The good news is that the Wildcats finally made it to the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA) conference title game. The bad news is that they didn't win that game. After an intense 5-4 overtime victory against the Ferris State Bulldogs in the semifinals, the 'Cats fell 2-1 to the Michigan Wolverines, good enough for second place in the conference tournament. It was NMU's third consecutive appearance at the semifinals in Detroit, and the first time they avoided the third place

consolation game.

"I thought we played well. You don't get to that point without having your team playing well, and you don't win games down there without playing well," said head coach Walt Kyle.

The 'Cats earned their spot in the championship game by beating the Ferris State University Bulldogs in overtime in the semifinal match on Friday, March 19. After giving up a goal in the first period, the 'Cats came out firing in the second frame. Senior Ray Kaunisto got the offense started at the 11 minute mark, following up on a wraparound attempt to put

NMU on the board and open the offensive floodgates. Sophomore Andrew Cherniwchan scored 41 seconds later, and Kaunisto found the back of the net another 19 seconds after that. It was three Wildcat goals in 62 seconds, and set the record for the fastest three goals in the CCHA championship tournament by over a minute.

The Bulldogs closed on a 4-2 Wildcat lead in the third period, tallying two goals of their own in 59 seconds to pull even.

"It kinda hit us pretty hard in the gut. It was kinda like, 'Oh man, this isn't really happening.' We didn't want a heartbreaker

game," Kaunisto said. "It was kinda scary."

The 'Cats regrouped enough to survive the end of regulation, and then Greger Hanson ended the affair just over a minute into the extra session. Despite blowing a late lead, Kyle said he wasn't concerned about his team's ability to bounce back.

"I think we have pretty good leadership ... it's a pretty battle tested group; I think they've been in big games before. I don't even remember what I said (in the locker room), but it probably wasn't a ton," he said.

Friday's other semifinal match between Michigan and Miami University of Ohio was dominated by the Wolverines as they trounced the top-seed Redhawks 5-1. Miami's goaltender Cody Reichard was recently named the CCHA Player of the Year, and was chased from the crease by a powerful Wolverine offense. Despite watching one of the top goaltenders in the nation be shredded by the next day's opponent, NMU goalie Brian Stewart wasn't shaken.

"I know all these goalies and all these players, and stuff happens during games," he said.

The 'Cats put on a stronger show against the Wolverines than the Redhawks did, but ultimately fell 2-1.

"I think Michigan's one of the best teams in the country right now, I would predict that they get out (of their region) and go to the

final four," Kyle said. "To win that game, we were going to have to be a little bit opportunistic, and we weren't. You would like to have a different outcome, but the effort was certainly there both nights."

Kaunisto had a different view of the game, however.

"I think we just didn't match their intensity," he said. "They wanted it more."

Cherniwchan scored the lone goal for the Wildcats halfway through the third period. Stewart finished the game with 33 saves.

Although they came up just short in the conference finals, NMU's strong play through the postseason and regular season was enough to earn them a berth in the NCAA National tournament. Their final ranking of 10th place got them a No. 3 seed in the tournament, and the 'Cats will travel to St. Paul, Minn. to face the St. Cloud State University Huskies (23-15-5). The Huskies and 'Cats have faced each other many times over the years, hailing back to NMU's days in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. The Huskies hold a slight series advantage at 20-15-1. The Wildcats lost the last time the teams faced off in 2005 by a 3-2 overtime score.

Although this year will be SC-SU's eighth time in the National tournament, they are 0-7 in tournament games. Kyle said that doesn't matter this year, however.

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Trevor Pellerite/NW

NMU junior forward Greger Hanson takes the puck up ice in the CCHA finals against the University of Michigan. Hanson scored the game winning goal in overtime the night before against Ferris State.

Olver helps put NMU back on the map

By Trevor Pellerite
 sports editor

The realm of college hockey is dominated by large, powerhouse programs like the University of Michigan and Boston College, and it can be easy for smaller schools like Northern Michigan to get lost in the shuffle. This season, however, the team has put itself back on the map.

In the 14 seasons from 1979-92, the NMU Wildcats qualified for the National tournament six times. Amongst those trips stand three Frozen Four appearances, including a 1991 National Championship. Under the leadership of NMU head coach Walt Kyle, the 'Cats are finally back in the National spotlight and are headed to their first NCAA tournament since 1999.

This year's success is due in part to the accomplishments of one individual: junior forward Mark Olver.

"I think teams have started to notice who Northern Michigan is. It's quite a feat to make the tour-

ney," Olver said.

Olver has led the Wildcats in scoring each year since he arrived at NMU, and was recently named to the first team All-CCHA squad for the 2010 season. The honor comes in the wake of Olver capturing the CCHA scoring title after tallying 35 points off 17 goals and 18 assists. He is also a top-10 finalist for the Hobey Baker award, arguably the most prestigious award in college hockey.

"I think it's great, I think (Olver's) certainly very deserving. (He's) had an outstanding year, he's leading the league in scoring, and he's certainly one of the catalysts on our team, and I think it's a great honor for him," said head coach Walt Kyle. "You can't be a successful team without great players. You have to have guys who are all-league candidates, and All-American candidates, and Hobey candidates. You have to have guys perform like that if you want to be good."

Olver was excited to even be nominated for the Hobey.

"It's quite an honor," he said.

"There's 58 teams in the league, and only 10 get nominated. It's quite an accomplishment for me. It just shows what type of success we've had as a team this year."

The top three finalists for the award, a field known as the "Hobey Hat Trick," will be announced on Wednesday, March 31.

Kyle believes that Olver's success towards the Hobey is dependent on his performance in the NCAA tournament, as the Hobey awards committee is based out of nearby Minneapolis.

Olver, however, isn't concerned about being named as a Hat Trick finalist.

"It's just nice to be nominated, it's nice to be in that 10, and anything else is just icing on the cake," he said.

He also said that he is focusing mostly on beating St. Cloud in the first round of the NCAA tournament on Friday, March 26.

"We're going to have a good weekend this weekend," he said. "We're going to show teams who Northern Michigan is."



Justin Key/NW

NMU junior Mark Olver was a fifth-round pick by the Colorado Avalanche in 2008's NHL Entry Draft, and has helped NMU to an NCAA berth.

Volleyball opens '10 spring schedule

By John Becker
staff writer

The NMU volleyball team split the first two matches of the spring season last weekend and is looking to use this time to improve their skills in preparation for the fall season.

The Wildcats (1-1) were defeated in five sets by the NMU Alumni team on Saturday, March 20, with scores of 23-25, 17-25, 25-22, 25-22 and 10-15. Sophomore Becca Feuerherd led with 22 digs, followed by freshman Dani Branco with 21. On the offensive front, sophomore Emma

Wolfe led with 15 kills, followed by freshman Sami Vierk with 11. NMU head coach Dominic Yoder said the game was a good benchmark for the 'Cats to start evaluating themselves both individually and on their teamwork.

The alumni team included the five senior players who have exhausted their four years of NCAA eligibility: Mandie Meyer, Katt Garvick, Cassie Osiecki, Amy Andersen-Goldsworthy, and Rachel Green. Meyer and Andersen-Goldsworthy were on the 2009 All-GLIAC First Team, and Osiecki was on the Second Team, with Garvick as an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention. Yoder said the team also had Brittany McGowan who was named to the All-GLIAC First Team in 2007, and Caryn VanBeckum who was on the First Team in 2007 and 2008.

After the Alumni Game, the 'Cats defeated the Lake Superior State University Lakers in three sets with scores of 25-21, 25-16 and 25-18. Feuerherd led with 14 digs, followed by freshman Abby Lovell with 10. Yoder said the team passed and served well but has some things to work on. The Wildcats also had eight aces.

"We didn't make a lot of attacking errors, but we didn't create a lot of kill opportunities for ourselves, so I think we were in one way good, but in another we could have been better," Yoder said.

After losing five seniors and not acquiring any mid-year transfers, the Wildcat's depth has been

diminished. Yoder said the team is still inexperienced and needs some time to build up more team chemistry.

"We're very young when it comes to (playing) as a team, and perform as individuals at the level in which we have to play," he said.

There are currently seven freshmen, two sophomores and one junior on the team. Yoder included the sophomores as upperclassmen and said he's looking for them to step up as leaders.

Wolfe played middle last year but said she will likely move to playing on the outside, which is a new position to her. Wolfe also said she recognizes that the team is close in age, but that she is still looking to establish herself as a leader.

"I'm hoping to be a positive leader on the court in both picking people up and getting the kills for everyone," Wolfe said.

Feuerherd is the team's new resident libero, having played libero last spring when Osiecki was injured.

With Osiecki holding the Wildcat record for career digs (1,856), Feuerherd knows that expectations are high.

"I want to be able to have five digs per set which is our team goal for the libero position," Feuerherd said.

Yoder said the defense has been working on a lot of different concepts to see which formation works best. The team has also been working on communication.

Feuerherd said she's hoping to

be a focal point of defensive communication, like her predecessor.

"(Osiecki) was a big leader on the court in terms of vocalization and she led by example so I want to fill her shoes," Feuerherd said.

Feuerherd said she wants to help the freshmen come into their own and gain confidence on the court.

"You really have a lot on your shoulders in terms of leadership and trying to make sure everyone knows what they're doing and when to do it," Feuerherd said. "I want to help them become more experienced, more confident that they're out there for a reason and they deserve to be out there."

Wolfe said she also wants to increase her poise at the outside position.

"It's a new position for me so I just want to improve and have everyone work together to create a good team," Wolfe said.

Yoder likened the spring season to a study session for an exam, where the fall season is the exam; this is a learn-and-improve experience.

"It's really a season for them to work on skill development work and on team development without any consequences," Yoder said.

The Wildcats will head to Green Bay to take part in the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay Tournament on Saturday, March 27, beginning at 12 p.m., with the last game at 4 p.m.

The 'Cats will take on the UW-GB Phoenix, two UW-GB alumni teams, and the University of Minnesota-Duluth Bulldogs.



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In the 2009 season, sophomore Emma Wolfe had 252.5 points, coming off 567 attacks. She is expected to make an even bigger contribution next year.

YMCA hopes for funds

By Chelsey Roath
contributing writer

Since 2008, the YMCA has sponsored kayaking that is aimed at helping at-risk, low-income juveniles as well as kids from the greater community.

Pepsi's Refresh program is giving away millions of dollars each month to fund refreshing ideas that change the world. The ideas are submitted online where people vote for them, and the idea with the most votes will receive grants. There are different levels of grants and categories into which an idea can be submitted. Pepsi is looking to find ideas in areas such as the planet, neighborhood, health, food and shelter, and arts and culture. Each business or individual that applies has the opportunity to win \$5,000 to \$250,000.

The Marquette YMCA has entered their summer kayaking program in the neighborhood category for a chance to win a \$50,000 grant in order to expand the program.

The grant would be used to buy essentials that would help build a stronger program for the commu-

nity. Of the grant \$30,000 would go toward purchasing 20 kayaks, equipment and safety gear. The rest of the money would be divided among staff wages, training, equipment storage and miscellaneous expenses such as transportation and lunches for the kids.

Sam Crowley, an instructor at the YMCA, is in charge of running the program and has worked at the Bay Cliff health camp since 1996 as a kayak instructor. He is certified for kayak instruction from the American Canoe Association.

Crowley believes in this program and believes in the impact it can have on these kids.

"A lot of these kids look at kayaking but never thought they could do it," Crowley said.

Crowley went on to describe the kids' reactions after they experience the program and how their attitudes went from being negative to positive.

"There is a real change in the kids after the kayaking," he said.

This year, another big change within the program is the YMCA partnering with Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lake Superior Village and

a social worker working with the Juvenile Court System. Those in charge of the kayaking program are hoping to hire a teen adviser so the kids can have someone to look up to.

Karen Kasprzack, the supervisor at Lake Superior Village Youth and Family Center, also believes in this program and wants to see it flourish.

"It's been a great program. It allows the kids to have the chance to interact with nature," she said.

Kasprzack said that kayaking provides a wide variety of opportunities for the campers. They get to learn about team building and cooperation, but most importantly they are allowed the chance to overcome their fears in the real world. They start to look at obstacles in their own lives and believe they can overcome them.

Those who are interested in voting can go online to <http://www.refresheverything.com/ymcamarquettecounty> and vote once a day in the month of March. The voting ends March 31. Those ideas that are ranked within the top ten will be receiving the grant.

Hockey

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"Every year, each team stands alone. This St. Cloud team doesn't have anything to do with last year's or four years ago," Kyle said, noting that the regional game will take place just a few hours away from St. Cloud, Minn. "They have the huge home ice advantage, we're going to have everything we can do to get by them, and right now that's our total focus."

The Huskies have two strong forwards in junior Garrett Roe and senior Ryan Lasch, who have both tallied 46 points on 19 goals

and 27 assists this year. Couple them with a supporting cast of strong defensemen, and Kyle knows the 'Cats will have their hands full.

"This will not be a very high scoring game, we'll have trouble if it is. I'm anxious to see where it goes," he said.

Also in the Western region are the Vermont Catamounts (17-14-7) and the Wisconsin Badgers (25-10-4)

Faceoff time for the regional semifinals is at 5:30 p.m. EST. If the Wildcats advance, they will play in the regional final at 9:00 p.m. EST on Saturday, March 27.

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Wildcat football gets defensive for 2010



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The first 2010 game for the NMU football team won't kick off until 7 p.m. Saturday Sept. 2, when the team will travel to Minnesota State University-Mankato. Practice makes perfect, however as the team has already started preparation for the 2010 season.

Spring practices began Monday, March 22 for the team who will take part in 14 spring practices, concluding on Saturday, April 17 with the annual NMU spring game. The 2009 team finished with a 6-4 record, which was its best since 2002. The team improved in almost every statistical category and saw the likes of a five-game win streak over conference opponents, and two Superior Dome shutouts.

Change to nearly every position will take place as the 2009 team featured 16 seniors in pivotal areas including running back,

offensive line, and linebacker. Many key positions remain strong however, and should be improved upon with another year of experience.

The first clear strength the 2010 team possesses is that of a solid starter at the quarterback position. Junior (In spring football, players are considered to have next year's class standing) Carter Kopach steps into his third season as the starter behind center. If there is one thing that a quarterback needs, it's confidence. To build confidence, you need experience, which I finally think Kopach has.

In 2009, Kopach threw for 1,373 yards with 14 touchdowns and just three interceptions. Those numbers could be doubled this season with a more experienced passer in the backfield. Finding a solid backup to Kopach is one area this spring that may be a challenge.

The second strength of the team I see and perhaps one of the biggest is that of the outside linebackers. Senior outside 'backers Demetri Stewart and John Blessing offer excitement to the posi-

tion that has been lacking in previous years. Stewart, an All-GLIAC honorable mention pick in 2009, was third on the team last season with 65 tackles including nine for loss and four sacks. Blessing registered 52 tackles to go along with a team-leading five sacks. The numbers of both players should improve greatly this season, especially in sacks where the team has improved every season since 2007. Solid backups in juniors Zach Pierson and Cedric Douglas along with senior Eric Wells, all bring good position depth.

Apart from outside linebacker, the only area of the team to not lose a starter heading into the 2010 season is the defensive backfield. All four return as seniors in corners DJ Oke and Marcus Tribble and safety's Ricky Neaves and Junior Michel. The four make up what I would consider the best part of the 2010 team, thanks much in part to defensive coordinator and defensive back's coach Randy Awrey. Oke, who brought in 56 tackles and two interceptions in 2009, is the team's best cover corner with the speed to run with anyone on the field. Neaves

also has the speed to chase, but is better known for his knockout blows than his finesse ball skills. Tribble, who also brought in two interceptions in 2009, has been a solid starter opposite Oke. Michel, a 2009 junior college transfer, showed flashes of greatness all of last year, and should be a larger part of the defense this season. All are reasons I look for more than last years five interceptions and more bone-jarring hits from this unit next year.

When looking for an area of concern in 2010, I'd have to start with the running game. The backfields top three rushers from the 2009 season have all departed from the team. Senior Mark Bossuah's career came to an end and sophomore Brandon Smith and freshman Antonio Wallace have left the team. The three combined for 1,586 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2009. The only returning runners NMU may have to rely on are that of Junior Brennan Van Effen and sophomore Chris Bucalo. Van Effen has proven to be reliable, but knee problems have slowed his career. Bringing in another running back before

the 2010 season is under way is a must for the team to find success on the ground next season.

Offensive line remains another area of that running game that takes a hit in the 2010 season as the team loses three starters. Senior guard Jason DuMont and sophomore tackle Jace Daniels return as solid starters, but every other position will welcome newcomers. Juniors Jon Kraai and Nathan Linsmeier, may be called upon to fill those holes. A junior college transfer or one of the 10 offensive linemen signed in this years recruiting class will need to step in as well.

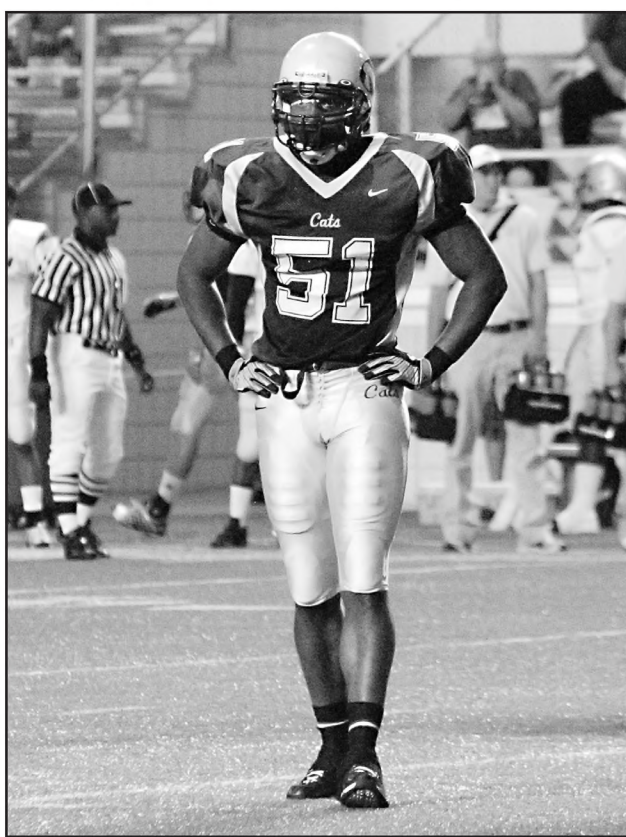
The 2010 season for the NMU football team will improve as its player's progress. If guys fail to step up to fill big shoes left by seniors, or refuse to put in the work, it will show on the schedule. Eleven senior starters take the reins of a program in my opinion on the rise. I think if any stat needs to improve in 2010, though, it's one attributed to the fans. An attendance average of 3,781 in five games needs to be higher, because the team will go as far as the crowd will follow them.

Returning players to watch



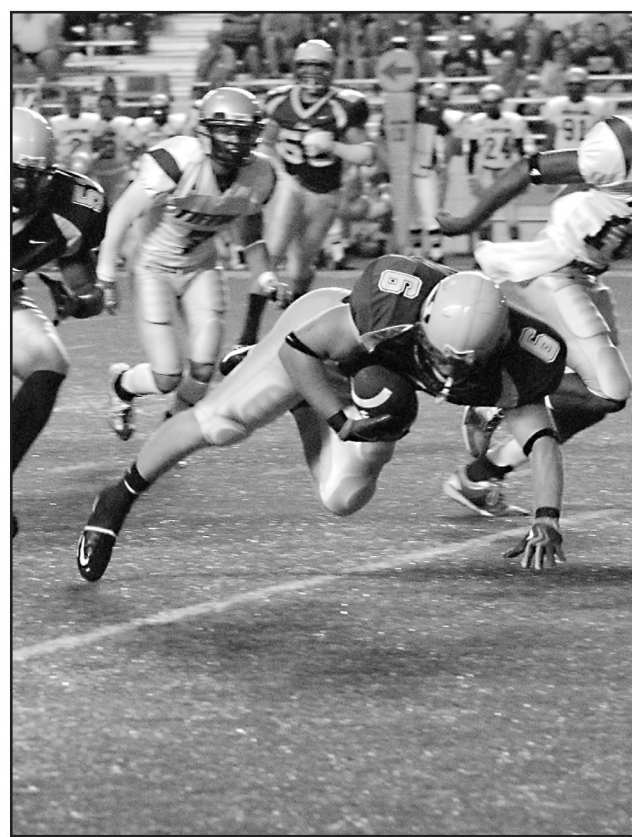
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Junior quarterback Carter Kopach will be called upon to be a leader of a young offense in the 2010 season.



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Senior outside linebacker Demetri Stewart, a University of Miami transfer, will once again be a defensive standout for NMU.



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Ricky Neaves, a senior safety, brings a powerful punch to a defensive unit that brought in 24 takeaways in 2009.

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He Walked 1,800 miles from Miami to Boston to talk about stopping sexual violence towards women.

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the Vandament Arena.

Event: NMU Swing Club will meet from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. in the Atrium Area of the University Center.

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

Event: Student Leader Fellowship will meet from 9 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. in the Marquette/ Nicolet/ Cadillac Rooms of the University Center.

Event: Artist Anne Drew Potter will hold her final lecture at 7 p.m. in West Science 2904 B. This is a free event.

Movie: "JCVD" (R) or "No Country for Old Men" (R) will be showing at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102. This is free for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

Fri., March 26

Event: Relay For Life will begin at 1 p.m. on Friday and end at 1 p.m. on Saturday in

Event: Donckers is hosting an Ice Cream Social Benefit where all proceeds will be donated to an orphanage in Haiti and to the Family Services of the Upper Peninsula. The event will be held from 6:30-8:30 to help support children both here in the UP and in Haiti. Any inquiries call Jen or Sarah at 906.226.6110.

Sat., March 27

Event: Campus Girl Scouts will meet from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. in Pioneer Rooms A and B of the University Center.

Event: First Aid Productions will meet from 5:30 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Lakes and Pioneer Room A of the University Center.

Movie: "Snatch" will be showing at 6 p.m. in Jamrich 102. This is free for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

Movie: "Sherlock Holmes" will be showing at 9 p.m. in

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Sun., March 28

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

Event: NMU Orchestra will be playing at 3 p.m. in the Reynolds Recital Hall. This is a free event.

Movie: "Sherlock Holmes" will be showing at 6 p.m. and again at 9 p.m. in Jamrich 102. This is free for NMU students and \$1 for non-students.

Mon., March 29

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

Event: Attitude, Motivation, and Time Management -- Skill Builder will be held

from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in The Back Room of the University Center.

Event: "How the Church Ladies Taught Me to be a Peace and Justice Advocate" Lecture will be held at 6 p.m. in the Whitman Commons. This is a free event.

Tues., March 30

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 Atrium Area 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: The 9th Annual Chili Challenge will be held from 3 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Jacobetti Commons.

Event: Alexandra Cousteau: Reflections in the Water lecture will be held at 7 p.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms for the University Center.

Wed., March 31

Event: Northern Initiatives will meet from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. in the Charcoal Room of the University Center.

Event: Platform Personalities presents Ayaan Hirsi "Refuse to be Silenced" Lecture from 7 p.m. until 11 p.m. in the Lakes Rooms of the University Center.

Event: Upward Bound will be holding an Ice Cream Social from 7 p.m. until 8 p.m. in the Brule Room of the University Center.

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

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Shout Outs

NMU Students - These things are free and you can put your own in. Call us at 227-2545 or e-mail editor.northwind@gmail.com - **NW Staff**

Dude - I just want to thank you for all the support you've given me this week. It means a lot. I love you so much. - **Monkey Paws**

RFL Committee - We are almost there! I just want to say that I am so proud to be apart of this committee and that this event is going to be amazing! You guys are awesome! - **Thao**

Sisters, Habon, and Sam - I hope you guys enjoy your weekend in the UP. It's going to be awesome! - **Big Sis**

Alex - I'm sorry I loaded you with shout-outs. Game Night soon! - **Thao**

Thao - That's all right, it's what it's here for. Game night definitely needs to happen - **Alex**

Mickdiq - Are you ready for birthday madness this week? - **Alex**

Third Eye Blind - Once again, you remain awesome - **Alex**

Coolman, Lola and Nemo - Thanks for going to the concert with me! It was a most excellent time. - **Alex**

FE and EIC - Thanks for covering for me while I was out. I owe you both a lot. - **OE**

T-DO - Thank you for being so helpful and supportive; you rock - **Brizz**

Thao - Hey baby. I love you to death my dark lady of monkey paws. - **Cameron**

Man - I'm going to miss you in my life a lot this weekend. I feel hollow without you around. - **Lucy**

OE - I'm glad you got to see 3eb. I'll work for you any time so you can see them. - **EIC**

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NW Staff - Sorry this week was so hectic and tensions were high. Next week should be fun. - **EIC**

NE - We had fun this week. Great job. - **EIC**

Insert - It's kind of a relief things are over between us. - **Exhausted**

Lakin - Thanks for all your help this week, I really appreciate it. The insert wouldn't have been possible without you. - **Lucy**

Relay For Life Committee - We are just hours away from Relay, congratulations! We made it! I appreciate every one of you! - **Amber**

FE - I don't tell you enough how much I appreciate your help every week. Thank you. - **EIC**

Weetzie - Where'd your shoe go? - **Nose**

Jim - It's probably a good thing you aren't around this week. - **NW Staff**

World - You need to slow down a little. - **Me**

Plug ads - I'm sooooo sick of you. - **Every week in every section**

Idea board - You make me ridiculously happy even though you aren't the most useful thing in the world. - **\$15 later**

It - Sorry you don't currently have a home; I'm working on it. - **Mamma's home**

Old NWs - Thanks for being big, ugly and useful. - **Gots no clue what I'm doing**

The Clash - It appears as though Scott likes you. - **Every other day?**

Inspirations

- Attractive people in Hollywood
- Phillip Seymour Hoffman
- Nasty food in the office
- Yamsie
- Third Eye Blind
- The Idea Board!!!!!!!
- Southern Blow

ALEX NYE THE COMIC GUY - Alex Nye



NOVEL GRAFIK - Shooky

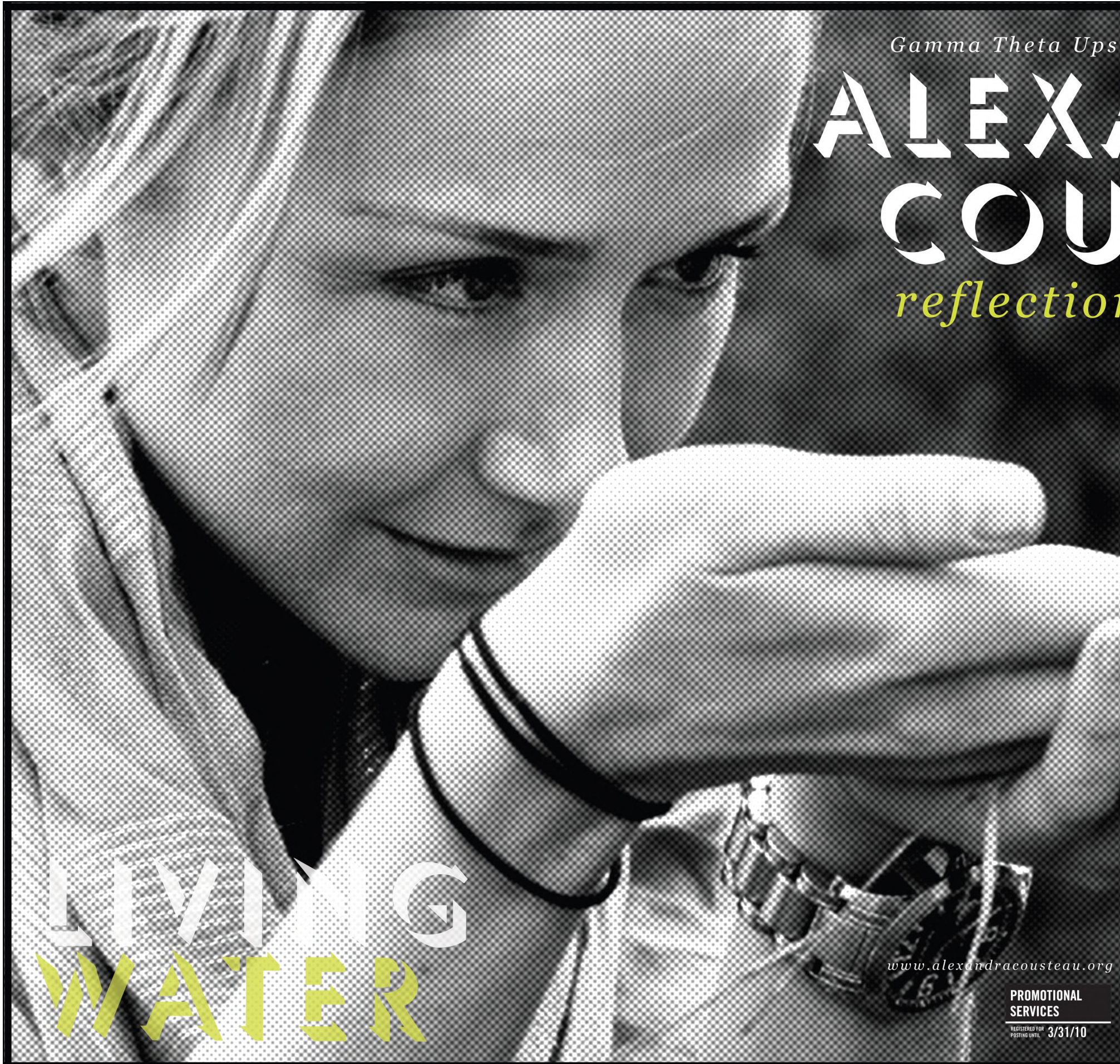


AP STYLISTS - Tom Cory



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